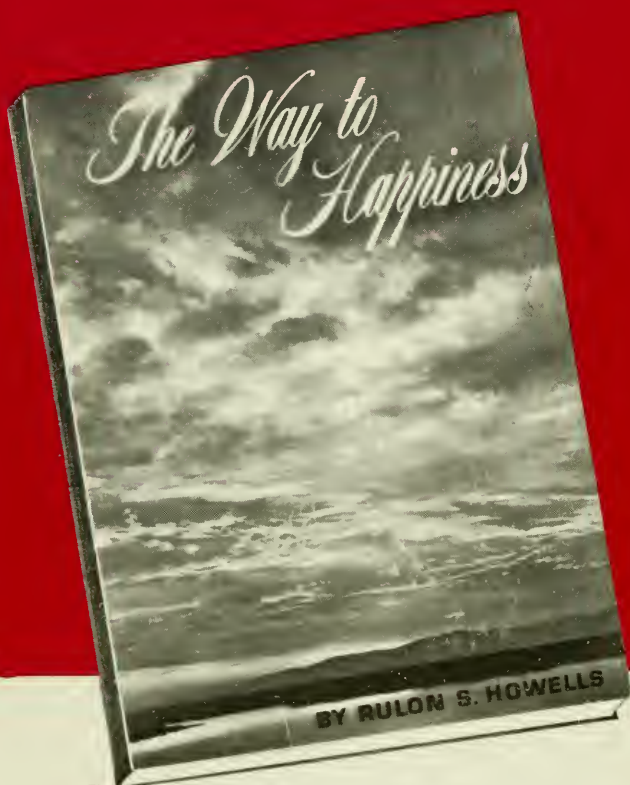


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Church Names Four Authorities At 138th Annual General Conference

By Henry A. Smith, Church Press Secretary

★ Two General Authorities of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were advanced to new assignments and two new leaders were named to fill vacancies as the authorities and officers were sustained Saturday afternoon in General Conference.

Elder Alvin R. Dyer, who was ordained an apostle last October, was named as a counselor in the First Presidency.

Elder Marion D. Hanks, a member of the First Council of Seventy since 1953, was named as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve.

Hartman Rector Jr., of Fairfax, Va., senior president of the 542nd Quorum of



President Alvin R. Dyer



Elder Marion D. Hanks



Elder Hartman Rector Jr. and Sister Rector.



Elder Loren C. Dunn and Sister Dunn.

Seventy in the Potomac Stake and Loren Charles Dunn, a native of Tooele, Utah, and now a resident of Natick, Mass., and first counselor in the New England Mission Presidency, were named to the First Council of the Seventy.

These new officers were presented to the Conference as those assembled in the Tabernacle voted to sustain the General Authorities and general officers of the Church. The names were presented by President Hugh B. Brown.

Other business of the Conference included reading of the annual report by Joseph W. Anderson, clerk of the Conference; and the annual auditor's report was read by Harold H. Bennett of the Church Finance Committee. .

The appointment of President Dyer as a counselor brings to six the number of members in the First Presidency. These include President David O. McKay with President Brown as first counselor; President N. Eldon Tanner as second counselor; and Presidents Joseph Fielding Smith; Thorpe B. Isaacson, and Alvin R. Dyer as counselors in the First Presidency.

Elder Hanks fills the vacancy in the Assistants to the Twelve occasioned by the ordination last October of President Dyer as an apostle.

The two new members of the First Council of Seventy fill vacancies in that council occasioned by the death last October of Elder Antoine R. Ivins and the advancement of Elder Hanks.

Biographical Sketch On President Dyer

★ Elder Alvin R. Dyer was sustained and ordained an Apostle during the October Conference of 1967. He had previously served as an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve Apostles of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints since October 11, 1958. In January of 1952 he returned from Europe, where he presided over the European Mission for two years, with headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany.

Elder Dyer was an engineer in the heating and ventilation field, once holding membership in the American Society of Heating and Ventilating Engineers. During World War II he served as a member of the American Military Engineers, acting as a consultant during

the early part of the war. At one time he was active with the Exchange Club. During his service as president of the Central States Mission, he became a member of the Missouri Historical Society, a membership he still holds.

Elder Dyer's education, beyond High School, has been obtained largely on a self-teaching basis. He took many correspondence courses to get needed information for his profession. He has no professional interests at present, devoting all of his time to the Church.

One of 13 children, Elder Dyer was born January 1, 1903, in Salt Lake City to Alfred Robert and Harriet Walsh Dyer. He married May Elizabeth Jackson in the Salt Lake Temple. They have

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two children: Gloria May Klein and Brent Rulon.

In April 1958 he was called, while still president of the Central States Mission, to be the First Assistant General Superintendent of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association. After seven months he became a General Authority.

Elder Dyer has held many other positions in the Church, extending back to 1924 when he returned from a 26-month mission in the Eastern States, where he was the supervising elder of the New York District. He served for eight years

on two stake high councils, the Salt Lake Stake and the Riverside. He later served as Sunday School superintendent of the Yalecrest Ward of the Bonneville Stake, and upon division of that ward, he served as second counselor in the bishopric of the Monument Park Ward and then as bishop.

Elder Dyer is the author of many books, some dealing with history, such as "The Refiner's Fire" and "This Age of Confusion," and most recent "Who Am I?"

Elder Hanks Assistant To The Twelve

★ Elder Marion D. Hanks, a General Authority of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was named to the First Council of Seventy in 1953.

He has been prominent in civic affairs, particularly in the field of youth development. In 1957 he was appointed a member of the United States President's Citizens Advisory Committee on Youth Fitness. He has been a speaker at youth conferences throughout the United States and in foreign countries.

Elder Hanks is currently serving as editor of the *Era of Youth*, a monthly Church publication for youth.

Among his civic services, Elder Hanks was the first chairman of the Utah Committee on Children and Youth, a board member of the national "Opera-

tion Fitness" programme, member of the Board of Weber College and of the College of Southern Utah. He now serves on the Board of Trustees of BYU and is a member of the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.

He has been for many years a teacher and served for a number of years in the leadership of Temple Square. He filled a mission in the northern United States. Recently he and his family spent several years in England and Europe in mission leadership there. Currently Elder Hanks serves as supervisor of the Orient-Hawaii Missions, under the direction of Elder Gordon B. Hinckley.

Born in Salt Lake City into a family of seven children, he was two years old when his father died. He was reared

by his widowed mother. He holds a Juris Doctor degree from the law school of the University of Utah.

During World War II Elder Hanks served aboard a submarine chaser in

the Pacific, both on the line and as acting ship's chaplain.

Elder Hanks married Miss Maxine Christensen in the Hawaii Temple and they are the parents of four daughters and one son.

Elder Loren Dunn, Native Of Tooele, Utah

★ Elder Loren Charles Dunn lives in Natick, Massachusetts, and is director of communications for the New England Council for Economic Development with headquarters in Boston.

He is currently serving as first counselor in the presidency of the New England Mission of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The mission president is Elder Boyd K. Packer, an Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, with headquarters in Cambridge.

Elder Dunn is a native of Tooele, Utah, and a son of the late Alex F. Dunn and Carol Horsfall Dunn. His father was formerly president of the Tooele Stake and publisher of the Tooele Transcript Bulletin.

Elder Dunn was married in the Salt Lake Temple to Sharon Longden of Salt Lake City, a daughter of Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and La Rue C. Longden. The Duns have two children, Kevin L., 7, and Kimberly Dunn, 2.

(Sister Longden is a former member of the general presidency of the Young Woman's Mutual Improvement Association)

The new General Authority was graduated from the Brigham Young University with a BS degree in journalism. While at the BYU from 1949 to 1953 he was a well-known sports figure as centre on the school's basketball squad. He was on the BYU team which in 1951 won the conference championship and went on to win the National Invitational Tournament championship. This team also toured South America winning many contests.

From 1958 to 1961 Elder Dunn was editor of the Tooele Transcript. He then went to Boston University where he received an MS degree in public relations in 1966. In 1962 he was assistant director of public relations for the Herald Tribune Fresh Air Fund in New York City, and in 1963 assumed his present position with the New England Council.

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Elder Dunn was in the U.S. Army in Europe from 1956 to 1958. He is a director elect of the Boston Rotary Club, a member of the Public Relations Society of America, the New England Press Association and Sigma Delta Chi.

He served a mission to Australia in 1954-56, where he was a counselor to the mission president. He was a group leader for LDS Servicemen in Aschaffenburg, Germany, then an Explorer Post advisor in Tooele before going to

New England. He was superintendent of the New England Mission MIA for a year before being made a counselor in the mission presidency in 1962.

Mrs. Dunn is presently Young Women's MIA president of the Boston Stake and before that served in the stake Primary presidency and a member of the mission Relief Society presidency. She is a graduate of the University of Utah and for three years was an interior decorator with the Bennett Glass and Paint Company of Salt Lake City.

Elder Rector Called From Potomac Stake In Virginia

★ Elder Hartman Rector, Jr., is presently a senior president of the 542nd Quorum of Seventy in the Potomac Stake and was formerly Washington Stake Mission president. He lives in Fairfax, Virginia.

He is a former naval aviator, presently holds the rank of captain in the United States Naval Reserve, and for ten years has been with the U.S. Department of Agriculture where he is programme and budget analyst in the office of Budget and Finance.

Elder Rector is a convert to the Church of 1952 along with his wife, Constance Kirk Daniel, who he married in 1947. They are the parents of seven children, the eldest son, Koel Kirk, now serving in the Brazilian South Mission.

Elder Rector was born August 20, 1924, at Moberly, Missouri, a son of Hartman and Vivian Fay Garvin Rector. He was reared on a farm near Moberly where he graduated from high school and junior college. In 1942 he enlisted in the naval reserve cadet programme, became a naval aviator and was commissioned in 1945 with the rank of Ensign. He went on inactive duty in 1947 but was recalled in 1951 during the Korean War and saw action in Korea remaining on active duty until April, 1958.

During his service in the navy he received additional education at Murray State Teachers College in Kentucky, the Makato State Teachers College in Minnesota, the University of Georgia and the University of Southern California.

He was ordained an elder in 1952 and a seventy in May, 1965. He has served the Church in many positions since his baptism including four years as a stake missionary during which time his converts numbered 47. He was a counselor for one year in the Washington Stake Mission and for two years was stake mission president. He was a president

in the 253rd Quorum of Seventy for three years; stake MIA superintendent for three years and for five years now has been in the presidency of the 542nd Quorum. He also serves as a ward seminary teacher.

Mrs. Rector has also served in many Church positions and is presently in the Potomac Stake Relief Society presidency.

ORDINATIONS

★ Brethren ordained to the office of Elder in the Melchizedek priesthood in the British Mission at the first and second quarterly district conferences:

James F. Stannard	Branch
Anthony J. Moule	Southend
Edward Michael Brady	Southend
Robert F. W. Harris	Canterbury
Robert S. Solly	Folkestone
Derek Erridge	Canterbury
Nigel A. West	Dover
Trevor J. Watling	Colchester
Robert P. Franklin	Colchester
John H. Bradley	Cambridge
Eric P. Horstman	Braintree
Edgar W. R. Hook	Lowestoft

★ Edgar William Robert Hook. Lowestoft Branch, Norwich District, British Mission, to elder.

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The Prophet Speaks

President McKay Cites Tragedy Of Disbelief



President David O. McKay

PERSONAL TESIMONY OF PRESIDENT DAVID O. MCKAY

★ "I know that Jesus lives . . . I know because I have heard His voice, and I have received His guidance in matters pertaining to His Kingdom here on earth. I know that His Father, our Creator, lives. I know that They appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith . . ."

★ Revered President David O. McKay opened the 138th annual General Conference of The Church in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, April 5, citing wide disbelief in God and His goodness in the world as being the chief tragedy today.

The answer to this tragic condition, he declared, is the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the man or woman living nearest its teachings being happiest and most content.

He urged everyone to apply the teachings of the Master to his life:

"Jesus' teachings may be applied just as efficaciously to social groups and national problems as to individuals if men would only give them a trial."

The 94-year-old prophet said if members of the Church and others would live the principles given by the Saviour the world would be a happier place for all.

President McKay directed attention to the literal Resurrection of Jesus Christ, upon which early Christianity was founded in the minds of the Apostles, declaring this Resurrection was a reality to those disciples who personally knew the Christ.

"They were witnesses of the fact. They knew, because their eyes beheld, their ears heard their hands felt the corporeal presence of the Risen Redeemer." In their minds there was absolutely no doubt.

"If a miracle is a supernatural event," said President McKay. "whose antecedent forces are beyond man's finite wisdom, then the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most stupendous miracle of all time. In it stands revealed the omnipotence of God and the immortality of man."

Witness in this dispensation that God lives and that Jesus is the Christ was given by the Prophet Joseph Smith who bore solemn testimony that "I saw two personages, whose brightness and glory defy all description, standing above me in the air. One of them spake unto me, calling me by name and said, pointing to the other—This is My Beloved Son. Hear him!" (Pearl of Great Price)

A perfect example of an ideal life to live can be found in that of the life of Jesus, President McKay said.

Furthering his remarks as to the virtues in the Saviour's life, President McKay said, "If the Church fails to make men true, fails to foster moral manhood, then there is no reason for its existence, and its pretention to be Christ's Church is a farce.

"No man can be a true member of this Church and not love the truth. Being true is a fundamental doctrine of the Church . . . What an important element in character building truth is. A man who is true is upright, is conscientious, is honorable in all his dealings; he is faithful in fulfilling his obligations; he is trustworthy and diligent in the performance of duty; he is true to himself and therefore, to his fellowmen and to his God."

President McKay further declared that justice is rendering to every man his due and to be just, one must of necessity be honest, fair and impartial. "He will be respectful and reverential. It is impossible for a man to be just and at the same time disrespectful or irreverent; for when disrespectful or irreverent, he is unjust in not giving respect and reverence where they are merited. True manhood possesses justice, and is an attribute of divine nature."

Latter-day Saints should be completely honest in all their dealings—in buying and selling, he said.

"It means that an honest debt can never be outlawed, and that a man's word is better than his bond. It means that we will be honest in our dealing with the Lord for 'true honesty takes into account the claims of God as well as those of men; it renders to God the things that are God's as well as to man the things that are man's.'"

Great as are the other virtues as wisdom, knowledge and benevolence, they do not seem so practical and applicable to daily life as the virtue of self control, emphasized President McKay.

He declared, "self-control means the government and regulation of all our natural appetites, desires, passions, and affections; and there is nothing which gives a man strength of character as the sense of self-conquest—the realization that he can make his appetites and passions serve him, and that he is not a servant of them."

The Word of Wisdom is one of the most practical teachings of the Church regarding this principle of self-control, the white haired prophet said.

President David O. McKay, second from left, being briefed at General Conference opening in historic Salt Lake Tabernacle. Talking with him is President N. Eldon Tanner, left of the First Presidency as President Hugh B. Brown observes. At right of President Brown are President Joseph Fielding Smith and President Thorpe B. Isaacson, counselors to the First Presidency.



President McKay's Closing Address: Mere Belief Not Sufficient

★ A call for a return to faith in the living Christ, a faith that will put purpose into life and courage into the heart, was termed by President David O. McKay as the greatest need of the world today.

His closing message of the 138th annual General Conference in Salt Lake City cited the "need of the Gospel of application—a Gospel that is preached by noble acts that command the attention and respect even of enemies.

"A mere belief in Jesus as a great Teacher, or even as the greatest Man who ever lived, has proved inadequate in combating the ills of society and the world."

President McKay emphatically declared that "what is really essential is faith in Him as a Divine Being—as our Lord and Saviour! It is such faith as the Apostle Peter experienced when he declared: 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.'"

Urging people everywhere to think more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Latter-day Prophet asked everyone "to devote more time to the real things in life, and less time to those things which will perish."

Latter-day Saints in particular were advised to spend more time acquiring truth through study, by faith and prayer

and to seek after everything that is "virtuous, lovely, or of good report or praiseworthy."

Parents and officers and teachers were warned by President McKay to teach more diligently and earnestly the principles of life and salvation to the youth, and to the world, in order to help youth keep a proper balance through the formative period of their lives.

"We know what the Gospel stands for. If we live it and feel it; if we speak well of it, of the priesthood, of our families, or our neighbours, we shall feel happier, and in reality we shall be preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

He urged parents to give their children religious training and development of character, and to discharge their (the parents') responsibility by making an environment in home, in school, in Church, and in our communities that will be uplifting, wholesome, and faith inspiring.

President McKay also urged members of the Church not to wait until some special occasion to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, "the duty devolves upon each of us to proclaim that good news every day of our lives."

He urged the guarding of tongues and thoughts and testified to the reality of our Father in Heaven and His desire to answer our prayers.

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Constantly Prepare For Future Advises President Brown

★ Members of the Priesthood, especially those in their adolescence, were charged to keep in mind the challenging fact that "your aim is not to get ahead of others but to surpass yourself; to begin today to be the person you want to be; to immortalize today and all the tomorrows that lie ahead in order that your life may have eternal significance.

"Cultivate an unquenchable appetite for learning," advised President Hugh

B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency.

He urged young people to carry their laughter over into their mature years since a wholesome sense of humor "will be a safety valve" which will enable you to apply the lighter touch to heavy problems and to learn some lessons in problem solving which 'sweat and tears' often fail to dissolve.

President Brown reminded youth of



President Hugh B. Brown, first counselor in the First Presidency.

the fast moving changing times and society faced with a new world bursting upon it. "The times require that we prepare to meet the demands of the future, make the required sacrifices, enjoy its rewards and priceless privileges and accommodate ourselves to the universal law of change.

"To that end our first charge to you is, 'Be Prepared.' Constantly prepare and continue to prepare for the future—your future—to which you are expected to make significant contributions. Man's flight through life is sustained by the power of his knowledge.

"Education is but another word for the preparation we admonish", President Brown told his male audience. "What to do after high school is one of life's pivotal questions which must be answered by you with resolution. Your answer, if buttressed by courage and stamina, will determine in large measure how you will spend the balance of your lives. It is therefore of transcendent importance."

He pointed also to the temptations and down-drag along the way—"subtle whisperings intended to induce you to forsake your quest for knowledge and be led into soul-destroying detours. "Beware that you do not yield to the sometimes enticing but always false and soul-destroying temptations to partake of things which God has said are not good for man."

Narcotics came in for a beware sign by President Brown. "Let no one persuade you that the improper use of narcotics which is becoming somewhat common on some campuses can in any way be beneficial . . . Remember, the law of the harvest is inexorable. As ye sow so shall ye reap. The use of any harmful substance will impend your progress toward your goal."

As each person is a divinely endowed,

eternal and intelligent human being it is incumbent upon us therefore to encourage and keep alive the questing spirit, learn and continue to learn everything possible about ourselves, our fellowmen, our universe and our God who is our Father."

President Brown pointed to the quest for knowledge and education always uppermost in the minds of the Latter-day Saints since the restoration of the Gospel. Even in early Mormon pioneer times, despite constant persecution, the continual uprooting of homes, and the toil of subduing a desert, they kept education paramount in their thinking and teaching.

He cited next the fast-growing industrial society of today requiring education for unless youth are well trained they will not be able to obtain dignified and profitable employment in the future.

His advice to youth in deciding upon an educational course is to first go to their parents, next turn to the Church leaders, seek guidance from your school counselor, the seminary and institute teachers and the Educational Information and Guidance Centre, and last yourself, you must evaluate all that is available, create an appetite for the best, and then with ambition on fire and with undiscourageable pluck, continue to make the final irrevocable decision.

"Remember," reminded President Brown "the most important thing is not what you do but that you qualify to do it with excellence as you progressively find the activity which provides a continuing challenge and inspiration."

"We strongly urge all who have the aptitude, ambition, and gumption to continue their education on the college level and beyond. No young person should aim lower than his capacities justify."

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President Tanner Warns Of Liquor, Tobacco Evils

★ An appeal to every member of The Church to keep the Word of Wisdom strictly and to all responsible citizens to accept their responsibilities to guard youth against conspiring men who would lead them to destruction, was strongly voiced by President N. Eldon Tanner, second counselor in the First Presidency.

Speaking at the Sunday morning session of General Conference, President Tanner voiced the Church's strong stand against liquor by the drink which many in Utah claim is the only way in

which to increase tourist travel to the Beehive state.

"Surely every mother, father and worthy citizen can see the folly of this and what it would do to our youth . . . there are better ways to encourage tourists. We must take a stand against liquor by the drink and any and every other move that would make liquor more easily available.

"It is the responsibility of every citizen" said President Tanner "and in the best interests of our youth and our



President N. Eldon Tanner
of the First
Presidency.

future to see that enforceable restrictive legislation is enacted and enforced to keep our youth from this pernicious practice."

He declared the only positive way to avoid becoming a slave to alcohol or drugs is to never take the first drink or narcotic.

President Tanner noted that the Word of Wisdom, given to the Prophet Joseph Smith 135 years ago, was a principle with a promise, "adapted to the capacity of the weak and weakest of all saints, who are or can be called saints.

"We, as members of the Church, have considered the Word of Wisdom as a direction from the Lord Himself, with a warning and a promise."

"Today the whole world, with the scientific evidence now available to everyone, should, regardless of religion or race, observe this scientific warning."

President Tanner cited statistics from a report of the British Royal College of Physicians that 400 Britons per week, or 2,000 persons, died last year in Britain from lung cancer caused by cigarette smoking."

He said the American Public Health Association estimates one million school age children to day are expected to die of lung cancer before they reach the age of 70.

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Daily Prayer Needs Told By President Smith

★ A call to the simple things that belong to the Gospel—such as prayer and its need in our daily lives, was the address given by President Joseph Fielding Smith of the First Presidency. He spoke at the opening general conference session.

"Prayer is something that we need, not that the Lord needs it," he declared . . . The Lord can get along without our prayers. His work will go on just the same whether we pray or whether we do not. He knows the end from the beginning."

President Smith said, "our prayers are uttered more for our sake, and to build us up and give strength, and courage, to increase our faith in him.

"Prayer is something that humbles the soul. It broadens our comprehen-

sion; it quickens the mind. It draws us nearer to our Father in heaven. We need His help, there is no question about that. We need the guidance of His Holy Spirit. We need to know what principles have been given to us by which we may come back into His presence. We need to have our minds quickened by the inspiration that comes from Him, and for these reasons we pray to Him, that He may help us to live so that we will know His truth and be able to walk in His light, that we may, through our faithfulness and our obedience, come back again into His presence."

President Smith counseled "all will receive the resurrection. Is that eternal life? No, not in the words of our Father in heaven. We call that immortality; the



President Alvin R. Dyer, left, and President Joseph Fielding Smith, counselors to the First Presidency.

right to live forever. But the Lord has put His own interpretation upon eternal life. Eternal life is to have the same kind of life that our Father in heaven has and to be crowned with the same blessings and glories and privileges that He possesses, that we might become sons and daughters of God, members of His household."

He explained that to become sons and daughters of God "we have to keep all of the covenants that belong to the Gospel and be true in them to the end of our lives.

"If you want to go into the presence of God and dwell in the Celestial kingdom and see the glories of exaltation, then you must live by every word that

proceeds forth from the mouth of God.

"We must pray to keep humble; to draw nearer to our Father in heaven that we might be in closer communication with Him," so declared President Smith.

"If a man has the spirit of prayer, he delights in prayer. It is easy," said President Smith "for him to approach the Lord with assurance that his petition will be answered . . . So we see the Lord has given us a great truth—His yoke is easy, His burden is light, if we love to do His will!"

President Smith further declared that obedience to the Gospel ordinances is required of all men. Our Saviour came into the world to teach us love for each other, and as that great lesson

was made manifest through His great suffering and death that we might live, should we not express our love for our fellow men by service rendered in their behalf?

"Should we not show our appreciation for the infinite service He rendered us, by giving service in His cause. The man who does only those things in the Church which concern himself alone, will never reach exaltation . . . Service must be given in behalf of others. We must extend the helping hand to the unfortunate, to those who have not heard the truth and are in spiritual darkness, to the needy and oppressed.

"I hope and pray that none of us fail in our service to our Father in heaven," President Smith closed.



Kurt Friscknecht, 9, left; Sharon Metten, 10 and Lisa Church, 9, participated in Primary Conference.

President Dyer Relates Personal Experiences

★ "This is the Lord's work, and we have no need to fear its triumphant outcome."

In closing his Saturday afternoon General Conference address President Alvin R. Dyer of the First Presidency in solemn testimony declared:

"There is a prophet presiding through whom God is speaking, as I have witnessed upon so many occasions."

Man, President Dyer said, has many rebirths to renew his effort in life. He described two such incidents in his life, once when he swallowed a two and a half inch long hatpin as a boy and later when he almost drowned in the ocean near Santa Monica, California.

In each instance he thanked the Lord for his survival and with that rededicated himself to a more worthwhile life.

"Perhaps to be 'born again' means to have another chance, to renew one's effort to measure up, I have felt this way many times in life as calls have come to serve the Lord."

President Dyer expressed special gratitude for the guidance he has received from President David O. McKay and for the opportunities he has received in Church assignments.

"I have had a sense of closeness with President McKay many times. I placed my cheek against his upon occasion and have felt the wetness of

tears that were streaming down. I am most grateful for his confidence and will never betray it.

"I appreciate the confidence of my brethern so manifested to me. I have unbounded respect for their devotion and courage in the administration of the affairs of the Church," President Dyer continued.

"More recently, I am grateful for his assignment, to give concern, and to be a 'watchman on the tower,' with regard to Missouri—a consecrated and destined land in the great latter-day work of our Heavenly Father."

President Dyer recalled the declaration from the Lord to the Prophet Joseph Smith giving assurances during a time of great trouble, when the Saints were forced to leave the consecrated land of Jackson County, Missouri. Jackson County had been designated by the Lord as a place of refuge where they were to receive their inheritances, and where in the Lord's time so announced that the City of New Jerusalem will be built.

He said the Prophet Joseph prayed to the Lord for the reasons for this setback and sent a letter to the grief-stricken Saints, recognizing the great suffering they were enduring.

"It is from the answer that the Lord gave to the Prophet Joseph Smith that

we find the words of assurance.

"Therefore, let your hearts be comforted concerning Zion; for all flesh is in mine hands; be still and know that I am God.

"Zion shall not be moved out of her place, notwithstanding her children are scattered.

"They that remain, and are pure in heart, shall return, and come to their inheritances, they and their children, with songs of everlasting joy, to build up the waste places of Zion," closed President Dyer.

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"We charge you then, brethren and sisters, to be prepared—physically, mentally, spiritually, morally, aesthetically and in every other way prepare for what the glorious future holds.

President Brown closed by noting the war which began in heaven has been going on since and "is about to reach a climatic point. This appeal, therefore, is in a very real sense a call to arms. The call to be prepared is sent to each one of you by and from the President of the Church, the Prophet of God. It is vital and of paramount importance. . .

"May we be inspired, each one of us . . . to make something of ourselves, to be better than we are, more knowledgeable, more understanding, more sympathetic, more inclined to reach out for the underprivileged, to those who need help."



Elder Harold B. Lee

Elder Lee Suggests 'Seek Learning By Study, Faith'

★ A moving conviction that God is close, and is testing men, was borne by Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve.

"Be true to Him that His testing may prove of value. He is closer than many members of the Church realize" Elder Lee counseled, at the final session of General Conference.

Elder Lee urged members of the Church to "seek learning by study, and also by faith." He said this road to learning is not an easy one or an easy means to knowledge.

The Prophet Joseph Smith pointed the way by which one might enjoy in full measure the priceless gifts of God which come by faith, Elder Lee said:

"He would say to the brethren, seek

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to know God in your closets, call upon Him in the fields. Follow the direction of the Book of Mormon and pray over your families, your cattle, your flocks, your herds, your corn and all things that you possess; ask the blessings of God upon your labours and everything you engage in. Be virtuous and pure, be men of integrity and truth, keep the commandments of God; and then you will be able more perfectly to understand the difference between right and wrong—between the things of God and the things of men—and your path will be like that of the just, which shineth brighter and brighter unto the perfect day."

Elder Lee said this is a call to higher wisdom which had been repeated through the ages by many prophets, including Paul and Nephi. He turned to the equation of study and faith in the life of the late Col. Edward H. White, an astronaut, and Dr. Henry Eyring of the University of Utah, one of the most highly honoured scientists in the world today, on the possibility of life on other worlds.

Col. White's learning by faith brought him in full accord with what the Lord declared in a great revelation to the Prophet Moses, that "worlds without number have I created," Elder Lee said.

"As to evidence of God's presence during our journey into space," Elder Lee quoted Col. White, "and during the short period that 'I walked in space' I did not feel any nearer to Him there than here, but I do know that His sure hand guided us all the way during that four-day mission."

"Presumably he is telling us that he, too, was guided by a faith in God which transcended scientific knowledge," said Elder Lee.

Quoting Dr. Eyring, Elder Lee said, "... the great blessing of the Gospel is the additional avenues it opens up for

the developing of this faith into a perfect knowledge. Now, as always, sure knowledge, of spiritual matters can only come by faith, by prayer and by living in such away as to have the companionship of the Holy Ghost as is promised to all the faithful."

God is testing men, He lives and guides and directs men in the disposition of their duties, Elder Lee testified.

Elder Kimball Asks Full Tithe, Offerings

★ "Render unto Ceasar the things which are his and unto God the things which are God's for the earth and all that is therein, belongs to God." counseled Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve at the Saturday afternoon session of General Conference.

"Do you pay tithes?" Elder Kimball asked. "I'm sure you pay your taxes. Do you render unto God that which already was His own? I'm sure that Ceasar never fails to get his portion. What of God? You accepted your earthly opportunities on condition. You rented His land, His equipment, used His elements, you know. The Lord, the owner, furnishes the land, the air, the water, and the sunshine all the elements to make it fruitful. The tenant gives his labour.

"Does puny man possess, appropriate, bequeath, and give as though he made the earth and heaven? And this without report or settling accounts?

"Will a man rob God?"

Elder Kimball reminded that all men



Elder Spencer W. Kimball

made covenants with God when in the Council in Heaven they were given opportunity to come to the earth to see if they would "do all things whatsoever the Lord their God should command them.

"And did you say you made no such rash promise?

"Your very presence on the earth is evidence you accepted this challenge in the pre-existent assembly."

"We cannot afford to tithe" Elder Kimball quoted a man answering his question as to if he paid tithing.

"What? Cannot afford integrity? Cannot afford to return to the Great Provider's programme that which was already his?"

No honest man would rob his Lord of tithes and offerings. . . do you feel generous when you pay your tithes? Boastful when the amount is large? Would you steal a dollar from your friend? A car from your neighbour's car? Do you rob banks? You are shocked at such suggestions. Then, would you rob

your God, your Lord, who has made generous arrangements with you?

"Do you have a right to appropriate the funds of your employer with which to pay your debts; . . .

"Would you help relatives or friends with funds not of your own? Some people get their standards mixed, their ideals out of line. Would you take tithes to pay your building fund, or ward maintenance? Would you supply gifts to the poor with someone else's money? The Lord's Money?

"There echoes again and again the words of the Master: 'Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and unto God that which is God's'" Elder Kimball concluded.

Elder Benson Warns Again Of Crisis

★ Elder Ezra Taft Benson of the Council of the Twelve warning of the erosion of the national morality of America—erosion of traditional enforcement of law and order declared that "Americans are destroying America."

Speaking at the Saturday morning session of the General Conference Elder Benson declared that never since the Civil War has America faced such critical days.

He cited scripture that the Church members believe in a God-ordained government yet today these basic principles and concepts are being flaunted, disregarded and challenged, even by men in high places.

"I think our civilization will die when

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Elder Ezra Taft Benson

we no longer care—when the spiritual forces that make us wish to be right and noble die in the hearts of men, when we disregard the importance of law and order.

"If America is destroyed, it may be by Americans who salute the flag, sing the National Anthem, march in patriotic parades—normally good Americans but Americans who fail to comprehend what is required to keep our country strong and free—Americans who have been lulled into a false security."

Elder Benson outlined some of the problems facing the nation as the decline in morals, juvenile delinquency, smut, narcotics, riots, crime, strikes, welfare-ism, budget deficits, national debt, inflation and others.

He answered that if America is to withstand these influences there must be "a renewal of the spirit of our forefathers, an appreciation of the American way of life, a strengthening of muscle and sinew and the character of the nation.

Elder Benson asked also "could many of our ills today result from our failure to train a strong citizenry from the only source we have, the boys and girls of each community? Have they grown up to believe in politics without principle, pleasure without conscience, knowledge without effort, wealth without work, business without morality, science without humanity and worship without sacrifice?"

He appealed for a return to old-fashioned character, honesty, self-respect, loyalty, support law and order, all must be taught the younger generation.

We can cope with these threatening realities if we have the courage and the wisdom to return to basic concepts to recall the spirit of the founding fathers, Elder Benson declared.

He said "the United States is the last bastion of real freedom—the only effective protection against the world's greatest evil, the godless, socialist-communist conspiracy that seeks to destroy all we hold dear as a great Christian nation and to promote insidiously the breakdown of law and order and the erosion of our morality."

Elder Petersen Asks 'Return To God'

★ An appeal for America to turn to God but with more than lip service, "obey Him with all your heart, might mind and strength" was voiced by Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve.

He who directs the missionary work in Great Britain declared that in America "we have reached a point in our national history as crucial as the time of the

Civil War. Our present dangers are quite as great. Threats to our future seem even greater.

"And yet, as a people we have failed to turn to the Divine Power that created us.

"Atheism is the cause of most of our ills . . . Are we not intelligent enough to perceive that shocking fact?

"We are confronted with the choice of whether or not we as a nation will return to God in spirit and in truth as a means of actual survival.

"We must choose" Elder Petersen warned, "whether we will become fully converted to Him or not. To put it plainly, it is largely a case of obedience versus lip service.

"God can solve these problems, but it will take more than empty words. He is a God of works as well as of faith. He demands obedience if we are to receive help from Him."

Elder Petersen asked:

"Is every one of us willing to do unto others as we would be done by?

"Are we willing to be merciful, kind and pure in heart; to turn the other cheek, to go the extra mile?

"Is every one of us willing to be sufficiently Christ-like to accept His precept which says: 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God?'"



Elder Mark E. Petersen

"For every practical reason we must turn to the Christ and live His teachings.

"America, turn to God. But do not give him mere lip service. Obey Him with all your heart, might, mind and strength."

(Every other nation might well follow this same advice for many other countries face similar plight under present world conditions with seemingly little or no regard for law and order prevalent anywhere.

IN THIS ISSUE

Pictures of all General Authorities as sustained at the 138th annual General Conference are published in this issue. This is a good opportunity for all members to become better acquainted with these great leaders.



A small section of the 800-voice children's chorus which sang for the Primary Conference.

Elder Stapley Says 'Voice Of Lord To All'

★ Church members were counseled that it is easier to walk in the paths of righteousness than to fall into the sorrow of disobedience and evil doing.

"Perhaps" said Elder Delbert L. Stapley of the Council of the Twelve, "never before in our history has the need been greater for members of the Church to understand the opposing forces confronting them."

He declared that everyone must stand firm to avoid the evils of the world as Satan is a formidable opponent who can be overcome by using the Gospel of Christ as a lamp to guide footsteps along the paths of righteousness. "The choice is up to us as we exercise our free agency."

Elder Stapley said "the voice of the Lord is to all men everywhere and none can escape the judgment for violating His laws and commandments."

He reminded that "The Glory of God is Intelligence," and said if this is so the glory of man, the spirit offspring of Deity, also must be intelligence, to bring about their eternal welfare and happiness.

"When our God defines intelligence as light and truth, He is not contemplating just secular and worldly knowledge, but the spiritual and eternal verities and realities of life.

"Thus it becomes the children of God to obtain all the light and truth they can, using intelligence to alter their lives and conform closely to the example portrayed in the life of Jesus," Elder Stapley said.

The key and the challenge which leads to God's eternal mansions, he



Elder Delbert L. Stapley

said, "is harkening unto the voice of the spirit. It is through disobedience and man's failure to harken unto the voice of the Spirit and the counsels of God, that Satan is able to come and take away from him the light and truth of the Gospel."

Elder Stapley directed attention to the action words in the Lord's instruction to His prophets, demanding that everyone "harken," "listen" or "hear" in many of His revelations.

Elder Romney Warns Of Need To Repent

★ "Unless men are not speedily brought to understand the basic laws of God and obey them, our civilization will shortly terminate in ruin."

A warning for men everywhere to repent and be baptized was issued at the General Conference by Elder Marion G. Romney of the Council of the Twelve.

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"I am persuaded" said Elder Romney, "that today we are treading the path trod by the nations of antiquity. We have been industrious. We have become wealthy. We are now going through a period of corruption and decay. Around the corner we shall encounter ruin if we continue our present course."

He said he felt impressed to make this forecast "because I know that it is true; that it is imperative that we face it, and do something about it. I make it also for the reason that I know that there is something we can do about it."

Elder Romney said the first step is faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He asked "if belief in Christ is the way, why is peace so elusive in the Western world where people profess belief in Christ? The answer is professing is not enough. Men must accept Him for what He is: the Son of God, man's Redeemer.

"They must have sufficient faith in Him to take upon themselves His name in the manner He prescribed. That way is to repent of sins, enter into a covenant with God and be willing to take up the name of Christ and remember Him and keep His commandments, and to

solemnize this covenant with baptism.

"All who follow this path will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost which will bring about a change of heart, and whose companionship will lead men into all truth," Elder Romney said.



Elder Marion G. Romney

Elder Richards Gives Stirring Testimony

★ "We need to have a strong testimony and the power of conviction. The scriptures make it plain that the children of God need to know God other than by hearsay."

Bearing his stirring testimony as to this need and the truthfulness of the Gospel and divinity of Christ, Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve declared the need today is for the children of men to have a testimony of the truth.

"If we do the will of the Father we will know other than hearsay that God is the Holy Father and that Jesus Christ is His Son whom He has sent. We want to know Him other than by hearsay."

Elder Richards compared the testimony of Paul with testimonies which have developed among the humble and rich today after hearing the testimonies of missionaries.

He said the testimonies of Latter-day Saints at home and abroad have helped convinced others of the truthfulness of the restored Gospel.

Elder Richards said those who live without such testimony need to know why they are here and where they are going and how to get there. When they do they will know what real life is and why we are on earth.

Elder Evans Advises All To Seek Counsel

★ Members of the Church were counseled that everyone needs advice, whether young or old, experienced or inexperienced, in making decisions pertaining to marriage, money, a career, or whether writing a letter of commitment.

Elder Richard L. Evans of the Council of the Twelve said:

"We cannot emphasize too much the necessity for sincerely seeking counsel and not trying to go it alone in life."



Elder Richard L. Evans



Elder LeGrand Richards

He noted that the General Authorities counsel with each other, trying earnestly, prayerfully, searchingly to consider all sides of the subjects, the policies, the procedures, the problems that come before them.

"We counsel with the President, who we sustain in the weighty obligations and the decisions that come with his calling. We counsel with the Lord and earnestly seek His guidance.

Elder Evans said The Church and its various officials would be in difficulty were it not for this constant counseling.

Important guidance can also come from counsel given in the past by the Lord and His prophets for often the answers sought are already there, Elder Evans said.

He advised that "we ought also to

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counsel with conscience and listen to the promptings of the spirit."

He urged children to learn from the counsel of parents who have given you life, and reared you in love. "They deserve your confidence, your consideration. They deserve to sit with you in counsel—for your own sake and theirs."

Elder Evans directed parents to "remember when you were young; why you wanted to do some things, how

eager you were for social acceptance, how sensitive to criticism. . .

"And to you, our children. . . why should you suppose the basic rules have changed in the few short years since your parents were as you are? The road seems new to you. It isn't new to them; they've been over it before."

He reminded youth that there is nothing "in righteousness" that their parents wouldn't do for them.

Elder Hunter Says All Must Obey Laws Of Land

★ Everyone must obey the laws of the land which were made for the good of the whole. Citizens become subject to the supreme power of the land regardless of whether national sovereignty is exercised by an individual or by the people.

Elder Howard W. Hunter of the Council of the Twelve, himself a successful prominent lawyer from California, declared:

"The people have the rights and privileges afforded them under the law and they have the duty to comply with the provisions of that law. This is essential for the good of society, for protection of the life and liberty, and for the promotion and preservation of the happiness of man."

Elder Hunter demonstrated that man can be loyal to God and his government by retelling the story of how the Pharisees of Judea attempted to entrap Jesus into making a treasonable statement that would bring His downfall at the hands of the Romans.

Jesus' answer, "Render therefore unto Ceasar the things which are Ceasar's; and unto God the things that are God's" outwitted the attempt to trap Him and defined the jurisdiction of the two



Elder Howard W. Hunter

empires of heaven and earth.

Elder Hunter said God's reply was "Don't be unjust; give to Ceasar the things you acknowledge as being his; and at the same time don't be impious, give to God the things that belong to God."

The test, Elder Hunter said, to be applied in weighing allegiance is a matter of wisdom.

Elder Hinckley Sees Bright Side In Vietnam

★ "I see coming out of this present conflict in Vietnam, as I have witnessed come out of other conflicts in Asia an enlargement of the Lord's programme.

"War is evil. It ever has been. It is now. But I see a silver thread shining through all the dark and bloody tapsetry of this present conflict. The hand of the Lord is plucking good from the evil designs of the adversary."

Elder Gordon B. Hinckley of the Council of the Twelve told General Conference goers he had dedicated and consecrated the land of Vietnam for the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"There is a brighter side. There is a cause that is being fought for. There is in all men's hearts a love for freedom and a hatred for oppression. This war is the outgrowth of a devilish lust for power and a Santanic will to impose on others a system of government that is the very antithesis of the Lord's way. Millions in that part of the world would rather die than live in slavery."

Elder Hinckley declared he foresees the future, a day when many will respond to the Gospel, a day when he does not know when it will come, but is confident it will "and that the efforts of your sons who are there in military service will make that day possible. Without their presence I would see small prospect short of a century."

He explained regular missionaries are not there but both civilian and military are sharing the Gospel, not in contravention of any official regulations, not through regular proselyting, teaching



Elder Gordon B. Hinckley

when others have been seeking.

"Through their efforts the work of the Church is now established in a number of areas, including legal registration of the Church in Thailand. . .

"I make no defense of the war from this pulpit. There is no simple answer . . . I seek only to call your attention to that silver thread, small but radiant with hope, shining through the dark tapestry of war, namely, the establishment of a bridgehead, but which somehow under the mysterious ways of God, will be strengthened and from which someday shall spring forth a great work affecting for good the lives of large numbers of our Father's children in Asia. Of that I have a certain faith."

Elder Monson Tells Blessings Of Obscure Nazareth



Elder Thomas S. Monson

★ "Can There Any Good Come Out of Nazareth?"

Relating all the good that did come from Nazareth, 80 miles from Jerusalem, Elder Thomas S. Monson of the Council of the Twelve declared:

"Out of Nazareth and down through the generations of time come Christ's excellent example, His welcome words, His divine deeds.

"They inspire patience to endure affliction, strength to bear grief, courage to face death and confidence to meet life. In this world of chaos, of trial, of uncertainty, never has our need for such divine guidance been more desperate.

"From Nazareth came the perfect one to be baptized—an example for all."

Elder Monson cited instances where sight was given to the blind, the lame were made to walk and the dead raised.

He related the story of the daughter of a synagogue ruler who was restored to life. "With that miracle came the perfect pattern whereby our own lives may be made fruitful—'Be ye not afraid, only believe.'" The latter were Christ's words when He raised the little girl.

Elder Monson declared that from Nazareth came example, sight, strength, life, faith, peace, courage, from Nazareth came Christ.

He expressed hope that all may live and follow the teachings of the Saviour.

Patriarch Smith Relates Saviour's Mission

★ "Who is He whom we call Jesus the Christ, our Saviour?"

Patriarch to the Church Eldred G. Smith, answered by quoting scriptures relating the great work of the Christ in creating numerous other worlds under the direction of God, the Eternal Father before He was born of Mary to be the Saviour of mankind upon this earth

"All He did," testified Elder Smith, "was for others—a life of service. There was not one selfish act."

He prayed to the Father, as He approached the finish of His mission on earth, declaring, "I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

Elder Smith pointed to numerous scriptures testifying that He is the Son of God, the great Creator, the Saviour



Elder Alma Sonne

and Redeemer of mankind, who appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith and directed him in the restoration of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these latter days.

Elder Sonne Predicts Future Church Growth

★ "Eventually, wise men will come to know that the only formula for peace is contained in the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

The Church will grow in the future as it has in the past 138 years predicted Elder Alma Sonne, Assistant to the Twelve.

He said the prophetic words found in the Doctrine & Covenants have already been fulfilled that, "The glory of the Lord shall be upon her and there shall come unto her out of every nation under heaven."

Elder Sonne said barriers of prejudice have been removed and prominent men



Elder Eldred G. Smith

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in the world are making their own investigations of the Church.

"Hatred, malice and vindictiveness must give way to the love advocated and exemplified by the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other effective way, for in His Gospel is the power to save."

Elder Sonne noted that the Apostle Paul told the Galatians there would be no changes in the Gospel, saying, "Though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed."

This straight way had been outlined by Jesus Christ in His teachings of the plan of life and salvation and it cannot be changed by mere man. The Gospel is the same today as it was yesterday, declared Elder Sonne and so are the principles outlined in it whereby men may come and be saved.



Elder ElRay L. Christiansen

Elder Christiansen Says Temple Work Vital

★ Latter-day Saints build temples because it has always been in order when the higher priesthood has been upon the earth and the people have proved their faithfulness to the Lord's laws and commandments.

So explained Elder ElRay L. Christiansen, Assistant to the Twelve, the reasons for building temples.

He referred to the ancient records showing that the children of Israel, while traveling through the wilderness, were commanded to build a portable tabernacle which served as a temporary temple where sacred ordinances were administered.

King Solomon built a temple about 1,000 B.C. The Jerubabal Temple and a temple built during the reign of King Herod, were built by dedicated people who sacrificed much in labour and

means

On the American continent the Nephtie people, the Book of Mormon records, built a temple after the manner of the Temple of Solomon.

Latter-day Saints built their first temple in Kirtland, Ohio and Nauvoo, Illinois, "at great sacrifice and unity of purpose. Both temples were later lost when the members of the Church were driven away from communities.

"Today 13 LDS temples are in operation in the United States, Canada, Switzerland, England, and New Zealand. Here members are doing work for the living and the dead. The temples are not built solely for architectural and structural beauty."

He explained that in reverence, one might, refer to the temple as the "University of the Lord."

Elder Longden Asks Preparation For Peace

★ "Our message to the world is that moral and spiritual courage are needed to prepare the way."

The importance of being prepared for coming events in this life and for the hereafter was emphasized at General Conference by Elder John Longden, Assistant to the Twelve.

He said preparedness has many connotations—to get ready for a given event, such as cleaning the house or readying refreshments for visitors, or being ready to meet death.

Elder Longden related a personal experience of 40 years ago when the late Elder Adam S. Bennion spoke at the funeral of the Longdens' first-born, a daughter.

Elder Bennion, Elder Longden quoted, said two gates were available to the bereaved parents. One swinging open easily, leading to doubt, despair and even bitterness. The other, opening

more slowly, yielding to the push of patience, opening to hope, faith and confidence.

"May I say now, after nearly 40 years, this is true, Elder Longden said. "Pulling on that gate brings a deep sense of spiritual peace; come what may, it has helped us to ride over several stormy parts of our lives."

Elder Longden reminded that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has the pattern to extend comfort, hope and peace to the world. "Living by its tenets, we are prepared to die, but more important to live eternally."

Elder Sill: See The Lord In The Scriptures

★ Since the days of Pentecost the words of Peter to "repent and be baptized every one of you" have been an important formula for salvation, declared Elder Sterling W. Sill, Assistant to the Twelve, at the opening session of General Conference.

"What could be more helpful in our own days of miracles, atheism and crime than for everyone to have an unshakable testimony of, and an inspiring personal relationship with, the divine ruler of this earth" asked Elder Sill.

The words of Christ as found in John, "If any man will do my will he shall know of the doctrine" are still true promised Elder Sill.

He testified that the greatest enrichment comes from acquiring a personal testimony of the divine mission of the



Elder John Longden

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Elder Boyd K. Packer, left and Elder Sterling W. Sill, Assistants to the Twelve.

Saviour of the world and a firm desire to make moral lives productive in Godliness.

Elder Sill said the Lord Himself warned before His crucifixion that wars and troubles would immediately precede His glorious second coming to the earth. "And He himself made a solemn promise, saying, 'For this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the

world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come.

The Gospel has been restored by God the Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, in these latter days through the Prophet Joseph Smith, testified Elder Sill. In addition three volumes of new scriptures now outline the principles on which exaltation and eternal happiness of man rests, he declared.

Elder Taylor Cites Joys Despite Earthly Struggle



Elder Henry D. Taylor

★ "Man is the spiritual offspring of righteous living to come to this world, to be born of earthly parents and be blessed with a mortal body—the possession of which is a sacred trust."

Elder Henry D. Taylor, Assistant to the Twelve, said that though life on earth is a period of trial and struggle, it would be a "glorious thing" if every child could be born into homes where they were wanted and where the parents were respectable.

"And," he added "if they were taught to prepare for life both on the earth and in the hereafter and if they were encouraged to stand on their own feet."

He said that in subduing the earth a person must look mainly to himself and not to others, except as others might offer good counsel or set a good example.

Elder Taylor advised against seeking security by relying upon the government noting that the greatest joy in life comes from accomplishing worthwhile goals and in service to others.

Franklin D. Richards Suggests Patience

★ The servants of God, ancient and modern, have stressed repeatedly the gift of patience as something to be cultivated and used in meeting trials and tribulations, producers of impatience.

"By exercising patience we will not be inclined to run faster or labour more than our strength justifies" reasoned Elder Franklin D. Richards, Assistant to the Twelve.



Elder Franklin D. Richards

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He counseled, "survey large fields but cultivate small ones."

When combined with prayer, faith and works and sound planning patience is a stabilizing influence in the lives of individuals, he said. In contrast impatience brings fear, tensions, discouragements and failure.

Patience, Elder Richards said, may be used in modern day living to curtail indebtedness. It should be used in preparing for a mission, planning an education, and marriage.

His counsel, "be patient in the selection of a husband or wife. Take sufficient time to prepare for a temple marriage. Here is one place that your patience will be rewarded with eternal blessings. Our greatest need for continual patience is with our loved ones."

He urged all to cultivate the ability to exercise forbearance under provocation, following 'the Saviour's teachings to do good to those that despitefully use you, and turn the other cheek.

Elder Packer Asks: 'Defend The Faith'

★ "To you who have answered that call to serve with the armed forces of the nation, we say serve honourably and well. Keep your faith, your character, your virtue."

That was the message of Elder Boyd K. Packer, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and veteran in the armed forces of the United States. He addressed the Friday afternoon session of the annual General Conference.

He expressed a bond of sympathy to those answering the call of duty who give up many things sacred and

dear to aid in the nation's defense. He also said it is regretable that some groups of young people had refused to back their country in these troubled times and had criticised those who had chosen to defend their country.

Elder Packer quoted from a 1955 General Conference address of President David O. McKay:

"We love peace, but not peace at any price . . . Chains are worse than bayonets."

He also quoted from the message of the First Presidency, of April 6, 1942, which declared that the Church seeks righteous means of settling international disputes by peaceful negotiations and adjustments. If war does come, however, involving Church members, the Church will not stand in the way of constitutional law of the land in which members live and are called to military duty.

Elder Cullimore Tells Miracle Of Easter

★ The miracle of the Resurrection is one of the greatest evidences of Christ's divinity, declared Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Twelve.

"No fact in ancient history" said Elder Cullimore "is better attested to than that Jesus lived; that He was crucified and that He was resurrected from the dead administered in His immortal body to His disciples."

Elder Cullimore emphasized that many of the apostles of the Saviour witnessed His crucifixion and were also witnesses of His resurrection. From the testimony of many of them we have some of the strongest assurance of the reality of



Elder James A. Cullimore

the resurrection. There was no doubt in the mind of Peter as to the reality of the resurrection when he spoke to the very men who had been witnesses to His death.

"The Lord revealed to the Prophet Joseph Smith that only as the body and spirit are inseparably connected would we receive a 'fulness of joy'." Elder Cullimore said this inseparable union can only come about through birth into immortality, death of the body, which is a separation of body and spirit and the resurrection, which is the reunion of body and spirit.

"In the resurrected, glorified, immortalized body we can go on into eternal life—life with God.

"The atonement of the Saviour—His death and resurrection—made possible the fulfilment of the purpose of God in the creation of man," he said.

Elder Hanks Tells 5 Needs Of Life

★ Elder Marion D. Hanks, newly appointed Assistant to the Twelve, emphasized five great needs in life as he addressed the Saturday morning session of the General Conference.

He said the needs are faith, belonging, serving, giving and loving.

These ingredients, he said, are essential in the development of the human potential, pivotal principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Faith, Elder Hanks said, is to know that God will not reject us. It motivates the individual to yield his heart to Him. It is to have confidence in the presence of God.

Belonging aids the individual to feel as an important and accepted part of a group. Youth want and deserve parents and a family they can be proud of and enjoy the influence of a good family.

Elder Hanks said the individual also needs to learn to give and to serve.

He noted that the big problem of many young people and their adult generation is their poor self-image, that they have a conviction they are worthless whereas they need loving.

He declared that "no mere tolerance or indulgence can take the place of love, which does not come from sermons or resolutions, but only from persons who can give it, and from God.

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Elder Bruce R. McConkie, left; Elder S. Dilworth Young, and Elder Milton R. Hunter, of the First Council of the Seventy. Elder Young is the senior president.

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★ The expression "credibility gap" has been widely used recently, both in prudence and in ridicule.

Far too many of our actions now bridge that gap. The circle is ever widening and the results are frightening.

One of the most incredible attitudes yet expressed comes from the mother of a girl about to enter college. She wonders if she should give her daughter a supply of "the pill" as she leaves for school. In writing to a doctor who conducts a newspaper column, she said:

"Personally I don't approve of sexual relations outside of marriage, but I wonder if I should be realistic and supply my daughter with birth-control pills just in case".

Incredible! Even that is hardly the word for it.

Can any mother in her right mind take such a position? Has she never taught her daughter the Lord's law of chastity? Why does she fear pregnancy but apparently have no fear of her daughter losing her virtue?

CAN ANY MOTHER be willing, "just in case," to sacrifice the morals of her child on the alter of social acceptance? Is social prestige more important than virtue? Does she have no respect for divine law?"

If any mothers have so far lost their moral equilibrium that they are willing to allow their daughters to become illicit in the name of realism, what are we to expect of the girls themselves—and of the sons—and of the fathers?

Does being realistic mean that we must throw cleanliness away and become filthy because certain other people are filthy?

Do headlines on crime and sex stories so blind us that we fail to realise that there are far more clean people in the world than there are depraved ones?

Is this mother not willing to be realistic enough to admit that immorality can destroy her daughter? Why should she condone lose morals either in her child or in the school she attends?

Of course, the fact of the matter is—if we are to continue to be realistic—that too many people have lost their faith in the Source of virtue and morality—the Almighty.

WHEN WE LOSE faith we certainly lose respect, and when we no longer respect

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the Deity it is but natural to ignore His commandments and concentrate on social allurements instead.

People who are truly realistic now recognise the existence of God more than ever before. Persons of genuine intellect, the true researchers, the great philosophers and the outstanding educators not only acknowledge but worship Him.

It is the selfish element in the world which no longer accepts the Deity. And why? Because they do not want to be interrupted in their ingrown pursuits, and are so involved in their personal desires, passions, appetites and lusts, that they have no room for sacred things. Therefore they reject or ignore God.

Of course, there are always those who are not well informed and are willing to take the word of God—is—dead rationalists. Such people never do think for themselves.

But to the true realist, God is a great and significant reality who guides the ultimate destiny of the world.

One of His basic laws is that concerning morality.

IT IS IRREVOCABLE and inescapable, and is applicable to all, whether we believe in God or not. Everyone is subject to its penalties no matter how we may try to ignore them.

The wages of sin is death—even to the unbeliever!

Immorality is next to murder in God's category of crime, and always brings its wages of destruction and remorse, even to college students who carry "the pill" with a mother's consent.

Our nation was built upon a foundation of morality and spirituality. It is just possible that a rejection of these basic factors may bring about its fall. It was so with Greece and Rome. It can happen to us unless we repent.

Every right-thinking person should be willing to die, if necessary, in defense of virtue, whether that death be physical or social.

No one can flout divine law with impunity.

"Thou shalt not commit adultery" will forever stand as an immutable law to all human beings.

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Elder Young Pays Tribute To The Late Elder Ivins

★ A reminder to all Seventies to be missionaries and a tribute to Elder Antone R. Ivins, the late senior president of the First Council of the Seventy, were given at the General Conference by Elder S. Dilworth Young, successor to Elder Ivins.

Elder Young urged every Seventy to be alert to his opportunities to preach the Gospel to non-members, setting a minimum of making friends or converts with two families this year. He said this can be accomplished by bringing neighbours to social activities in the ward or inviting them into the home.

"Our manifest duty," he declared "is to find families and show them by our love that we are truly followers of Jesus Christ. Let us not shirk or falter but carry the message to these worthy and good people in our midst."

His tribute to Elder Ivins:

"I cannot forget his gentle manners, his courteous and kindly way of directing us, or his constant adherence to the law of leadership in the priesthood to the effect that one must preside by persuasion, long suffering, gentleness, meekness, love unfeigned and by kindness and pure knowledge."

Elder McConkie Outlines the Way

★ Elder Bruce R. McConkie of the First Council of Seventy outlined the part the Book of Mormon has played in aiding the spread of the Gospel message in the world today.

Salvation, he emphasized, is not found in any book, either the Book of Mormon or the Bible, but only in the doctrines which must be believed and obeyed to gain salvation.

"Salvation," Elder McConkie said, "is in Christ; it comes because of His atoning sacrifice; His is the only name given under heaven whereby man can be saved.

"However, salvation is made available to men because the Lord calls prophets and apostles to testify of Christ and to teach the true doctrines of His Gospel. Salvation is available only when there are legal administrators who can teach the truth and who have power to perform the ordinances of salvation so they will be binding, and have efficacy, virtue, and force on earth and in heaven."

Elder McConkie explained that the Book of Mormon is a book of scripture telling of God's dealings with the ancient inhabitants of the American continent and outlines the fullness of the Gospel in harmony with the Bible.

"It thus becomes a matter of transcendent import for every truth seeker to learn of the truth and divinity of this volume of sacred scripture; this volume which will open the door to the knowledge of God and His laws."

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He said everyone should be happy to know that God has sent a prophet in this day who has brought forth a new volume of scripture which stands as a witness to the truth of the restored Church.



Elder A. Theodore Tuttle

Elder Tuttle Speaks Of Family Honour

★ Elder A. Theodore Tuttle, of the First Council of Seventy, said we can understand why God loves us when we understand that we are His children. He desires that His children show Him the same honour that they show to their earthly parents by respect and obedience.

He turned his remarks first to children warning they can rob themselves of a parents pride by overlooking opportunities to bring joy to their parents through obedience and helpfulness.

Elder Tuttle reminded that the Lord said:

"Honour thy father and thy mother" with a promise "that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

He asked young men, "Is there honour in your home for those who bore you and reared you? Do you ever take the initiative to do the obviously necessary job around the home?"

The young women were asked, "Do you carry your share of the household load? Do you honour parents by your modesty of dress and the purity of your life?"

And parents were asked, "Do you frequently 'ask' instead of 'tell' your children to do something? Do you know where your children are each night at ten o'clock?"

Elder Tuttle said dividends to children who honour their parents are returned by parents who honour their children.

Elder Paul Dunn: Nurture Self Control

★ The best possible blueprint for human behaviour is found in the life of Jesus, suggested Elder Paul H. Dunn, of the First Council of Seventy.

"I am convinced," he said, "that regardless of the technique that we may employ in the development of better habits, there is no pattern so perfect, no source of inspiration so helpful as that of Jesus Christ, the friend of mankind, the supreme ideal."



Elder Paul H. Dunn

Elder Dunn centered his remarks on self control which he termed largely responsible for the condition of the world today.

He observed that although Jesus endured with patience unlimited personal abuse, on several occasions he became angry and in at least one instance, used force.

"In the presence of injuristice, when men would be unfair and unkind toward each other, He threw the influence of His great, tempered personality against their evil practices."

Elder Dunn said a happy and successful person is one who can gain control of his emotions and use them to improve his relationships with others and bring into his own life greater peace, joy and serenity that is so desperately needed in the world today.

Bishop Vandenberg Says Scripture, Poet Point To God

★Following Christ must be a day-by-day process, the conscious objective of every hour. Those who will serve the Master, and follow the direction of His prophet can taste the joy of service.

So declared Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg as he answered the question, "Who are we?" and "What are we doing here?"

He quoted from the words of Abraham to whom the Lord had revealed that intelligences were organized before the world was, that he stood among them and picked out those who were to be rulers and told Abraham:

"Thou art one of them; thou wast chosen before thou wast born."

To those who are not aware of God's divine purpose, Bishop Vandenberg said, life could be a mysterious journey with no real objectives. He said without such knowledge God's children may seek only material wealth and pleasures. "In a sense they worship and make gods of the physical, whatever it may be."

Bishop Vandenberg cautioned that false gods in the past have failed but that the true God has never failed the faithful who have followed His commandments.

He also quoted from modern philisophs—William Wordsworth's poem "Ode On the Intimations of Immortality," declaring, "Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting; The soul that rises with us our life's star, Hath elsewhere its setting, and cometh from afar: Not in

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Presiding Bishopric with model of restoration of Aaronic Priesthood statue. From left, Bishop Robert L. Simpson, Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg and Bishop Victor L. Brown.

Bishop Simpson: Special Role For The Girls

★ Girls in the Church were reminded by Bishop Robert L. Simpson of the Presiding Bishopric that they were "created by God in His own image, in the image of God created He him, male and female created He them."

Without them life would stop and the foundation of God's master plan would be frustrated.

Bishop Simpson said that with them is the potential of creation of providing earthly bodies for spirits previously created by God.

He declared: "No mortal has honour greater than this. Yours is a possible partnership with Heavenly Father in perpetuating the process of life. The very thought is overwhelming. . . This sacred process requires worthiness."

Bishop Simpson said every girl should know the rules in the game of life as revealed by God and follow them if she is to be faced with the sacred obligation of providing bodies for God's spirit children.

"God's moral code," he warned "has never changed." He urged the girls to watch their personal health habits and particularly warned against liquor and tobacco.

"God loves you wonderful girls. Don't you let Him down. You have a special function to perform with God as your partner. Be worthy of the privilege."

Bishop Brown Outlines Duties

★ Bishop Victor L. Brown, second counselor in the Presiding Bishopric, outlined responsibilities and duties of the bishops of the Church, noting that the bishop probably accepted his calling with "fear and trembling" for he did not ask for nor even volunteer for his position. Yet he has the faith and a desire to live up to his calling, he said.

He spoke of the many responsibilities of the bishop, all which must be approached in the spirit of love, kindness and understanding, helping the people maintain their self-respect and dignity.

Bishop Brown noted that the bishop and his counselors are the cornerstone in all matters pertaining to the boys and girls of the Church.

"May I say to the young people, the bishop has been called through the inspiration of Heavenly Father to be your spiritual counselor. He is the one to whom we should go to confess our sins. This must be done if we are to fully repent."

He encouraged members to let their bishop help them with his inspired wisdom as the spiritual father of the ward.

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entire forgetfulness and not in utter nakedness, But trailing clouds of Glory de we come from God who is our home; Heaven lies about us in our infancy."

Bishop Vandenberg cited the simple fishermen, Peter and others, who have been transformed into courageous leaders because they chose to follow Christ.

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Elder William J. Critchlow Jr.



Elder Theodore M. Burton



Elder Bernard P. Brockbank

★ These General Authorities, all Assistants to the Twelve, plus Elders Milton R. Hunter, Hartman Rector Jr. and Loren C. Dunn, of the First Council of the Seventy, did not speak.

'Portraits' Painted At Primary Conference

★ "The role of Primary workers is to help little children find God and climb upward in a world of cold reality."

Urging Primary workers to remove negative attitudes from their minds and hearts and to "step out of a negative world into such an atmosphere of love and a positive hope for the future" was Elder Howard W. Hunter, of the Council of the Twelve, and an adviser to the auxiliary.

He and other principal guest speakers at the 62nd annual conference of the Primary Association included Elder William J. Critchlow Jr., Assistant to the Twelve; Bishop Robert L. Simpson of the Presiding Bishopric, all advisers to the Primary and Dr. Neal A. Maxwell, Regional Representative of the Twelve.

The conference was directed by General Pres. LaVern W. Parmley aided by her counselors Leone W. Doxey and Lucile C. Reading and members of the general board.

Elder Hunter said that because leadership has led the way by a positive approach Primary workers have created the great spirituality which distinguishes the Primary Association. "As leaders, have we acquired a spiritual maturity?" he asked. . . "How much maturity will be required of us to live in exaltation in the Celestial kingdom of the Lord?"

He said in spite of the work and efforts involved he has found Primary workers enthusiastically engaged and happy in their work.

Elder Critchlow discussed how the Primary helps to exalt the individual and the importance of the home, the

Church's "primal teaching unit." He emphasized the priesthood quorums and the auxiliaries of the Church, together have the responsibility of teaching the Gospel and helping individuals within the Church to progress.

"Give yourselves unselfishly to the (Primary) children and to the Lord" he urged Primary workers.

Bishop Simpson declared the greatest need in the world today is for the Gospel of Jesus Christ with the greatest challenge you and I have as the custodians of this truth is the ability to communicate better as Primary officers to our co-workers, and as Primary teachers to our precious children.

He urged Primary workers to be good listeners, to become better informed, to communicate with enthusiasm, and to consider the virtue of love.

Dr. Maxwell informed that "the spiritual momentum you impart can not only prepare—for instance—boys to receive the priesthood, but it can help to carry them through the turbulent teens . . . When this momentum is not there, interest often ebbs; priesthood is not seen as a part of manhood, and these same children, as young men and women, often mistake the ebb in their immediate interest in religious things for 'emancipation.' Some soon learn that they are free, but free in a desert."

Primary workers were introduced to new Primary materials, new songs and teaching techniques. A new book, "The How book for Primary Teachers" was introduced in the presidencies department.

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Directing the Primary Conference were Gen. Pres. LaVern W. Parmley, left, and her counselors Leone W. Doxey and Lucile C. Reading.

Sunday School Members Told To 'Feed My Sheep'

★ Sunday School officers and teachers in their semi-annual conference were told by Elder LeGrand Richards of the Council of the Twelve that some teachers teach with the spirit of the Lord, others with only an outline.

"When we teach with the spirit, the lessons will be riveted into the hearts of our students," he emphasized.

Cautioning workers in the auxiliary to so live that their lives will be in tune with the spirit of the Lord he said, "How can we show our love of God in a more acceptable manner than to feed His sheep?"

Elder Richards quoted the Saviour's repeated charge to the Apostle Peter: ". . . Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs.

"He saith to him again the second time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him. Feed my sheep . . ."

"How can we show our love of God

in a more acceptable manner than to feed His sheep?" Elder Richards asked repeating the charge to the Apostle Peter: ". . . Simon son of Jonas. . . Feed my sheep."

The Sunday School is a great organization in preparing men and women to be leaders throughout the Church, Elder Richards noted. He counseled that if vision could be focused 25 years hence it might create a greater desire for more careful planning and preparation, that deeper impressions might be made on students.

Gen. Supt. David Lawrence McKay informed that the programme of teacher supervision is to give assistance and guidance and not that teachers are being "investigated" as some have supposed in the past. Supt. McKay addressed the earlier session for stake Junior Sunday School co-ordinators.

The conference session in the Tabernacle was conducted by Royden G. Derrick and Lynn S. Richards presented names of officers and board members for the sustaining vote. Both are assistant superintendents to Supt. McKay.

Primary co-workers from near and far socialized at the reception in the rotunda of the Utah State Capitol.

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Priesthood: Thousands Hear Education Need Stressed

★ More than 100,000 priesthood members in 500 locations throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, heard by direct wire the proceedings of the annual General Priesthood meeting of the General Conference.

Theme for the meeting was education and the need to be prepared for life and leadership.

President David O. McKay declared that the Church stands for education and the very purpose of its organization is to promulgate the truth among men.

"Members of the Church are admonished," he said, "to acquire learning by study, and also by faith and prayer; to seek after everything that is virtuous, lovely, or of good report, or praise-worthy."

He declared that in this seeking "they are not confined to narrow limits of dogma or creed, but are free to launch into the realm of the infinite."

"After High School What?" was the theme for President Hugh B. Brown's address stressing the importance of education. He urged youth to continue their education pursuits beyond high school.

He declared that this war which began in heaven and has been going on ever since—a war in which the immortal stake, is about to reach a climatic point.

President Brown said "this appeal, therefore, is in a very real sense a call to arms. The call to be prepared

is sent to each one of you by and from the President of the Church, the prophet of God. It is vital and of paramount importance.

Dr. Lowell Bennion, Associate Dean of Students at the University of Utah, said there is no finer symbol of Mormonism than that of the boy Joseph when he went into the Sacred Grove, searching, eager to learn, with questions. Joseph Smith's search did not end there, rather he continued to ask questions, searching, and in his learning, he received line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little, there a little.

Dr. Bennion said, "we have a proud history of education in the Church, Generations of Latter-day Saints have been inspired to go on in education." He asked, "But what about education today in the Church? Are we as hungry to know? Do we lack wisdom? Do we have a longing and a burning for knowledge?"

He noted that land can be inherited, as can also money and even debt, but education or knowledge cannot be inherited.

"We can inherit only the opportunity, the tradition, and hopefully the motivation for education."

Dr. Bennion cited new frontiers facing youth, human, spiritual and social, all calling for training and knowledge.

He counseled youth to do more than hunger and thirst for material things lest we be awakened with a taste of

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Primary leaders joined in many workshops as departmental meetings were held in various chapels.

ashes in our mouths on the marrow.

"The Gospel is to be understood as well as believed. We need to reflect deeply as to the fundamentals of the Gospel, and learn to apply them in our lives," he urged.

He counseled that every Later-day Saint needs both faith and reason and urged, "learn to love the Lord with all your minds as well as with all your hearts."





Pres. Dougal C. McKeown, appointed president of the London Temple and Sister McKeown, named the matron.

Native Of Scotland Named London Temple President

★ A native of Scotland, Pres. Dougal Campbell McKeown, second counselor in the London Stake presidency, has been appointed by the First Presidency as the new president of the London Temple Sister Grace Nash McKeown will be the temple matron.

Pres. McKeown will succeed Pres. LeRoy J. Buckmiller of Holladay, Utah, who was appointed president of the

temple in the spring of 1966.

Called to the stake presidency only last September, Pres. McKeown has a full record of Church service since his baptism in 1951. He had served seven years as bishop of the London Ward, three years as first counselor in the London District presidency, four years as president of the North London Branch and also a period as a counselor in the

branch presidency. Both he and Sister McKeown served as district missionaries.

Pres. McKeown the past four years has been general manager of the Deseret Enterprises, Ltd., after two and a half years as assistant manager preceded by 15 years on the clerical staff of the British Railways. He saw service with the British Army for six years during World War II.

He was born at Renton, Dunbartonshire, Scotland and married Grace Nash of Scotland in London. They have two sons and a daughter. Dougald McKeown Jr. resides in London with his wife and three children; Ruth, now residing in Alberta, Canada, filled a mission in the British Mission and Jack who resides with his parents, served a building mission to Scauthorp and recently became engaged to Miss Maurisha (Candy)

Costello of London, a recent convert to the Church. Pres. McKeown attended the county schools in Ballyclare County, Antrim, Ireland.

Pres. McKeown is an affable man, most friendly and easy to become acquainted with. He loves the youth of the Church and wins many to him through his pleasing personality and fine sense of humor.

Sister McKeown is also a native of Scotland and has given equally of her time and talents to the Church. She has held many positions in all of the auxiliaries having served the past two years as London Stake Relief Society president. Sister McKeown earlier served two years as first counselor in the Relief Society and as District Primary president. In the North London Ward she was president of the YWMA for several years.

London Stake Appoints New Second Counselor

★ Bishop Thomas Hill of the St. Albans Ward, was appointed second counselor in the London stake presidency during the quarterly conference May 12th. He succeeds Pres. Dougald C. McKeown who was named at the same meeting as the new president of the London Temple, succeeding Pres. LeRoy Buckmiller.

Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr. announced Geoffrey D. Hobbs, high council man, and formerly first counselor in the St. Albans Ward as the new bishop of St. Albans Ward. Named to the high council was former Bishop Frank Paterson of the Hyde Park Ward.

Also released from the high council was Bro. Harris who will be returning soon to the United States.

Pres. Hill has also served as first counselor position in the bishopric, YWMA superintendent, second counselor twice in the bishopric, branch

president and second counselor in the branch presidency. He is a chartered civil engineer.

Sis. McKeown was released as stake Relief Society president succeeding her is Sis. Lillian Paterson.



Pres. Thomas Hill

British Athletic Association Names New President

★ The British Athletic Association has been reorganized with Pres. Dennis Livesey of the Leeds Stake sustained as chairman, succeeding Pres. Derek J. Plumbley of Manchester Stake. The meeting was held in the Manchester Stake Centre.

Named assistant chairman were Pres. J. H. Weightman of the Manchester Stake, reappointed and Derek Cuthbert, of Nottingham, first counselor in the Central British Mission presidency.

Church officers attending from Salt Lake City were A. Ray Curtis, Regional Representative of the Twelve; Gen. Supt. G. Carlos Smith Jr. and Malcolm LeSeuer of the YMMIA General Board; Dorothy P. Holt, second counselor in the general presidency of the YWMIA.

Pres. Curtis encouraged British Saints to see the BYU Track Team as it performs in various cities during July spending three days at Leeds Stake. Coach of the track team is Clarence Robison, a member of the YMMIA General Board Athletic Committee.

Supt. Smith encouraged continued administration of the athletic programme through zones, and suggested a good training programme, for he said, there is a great need to train leaders in the programme. He directed that the stakes and zones need no more authority, only to "get the ball rolling" and the programme underway.

He said athletics is just one tool of the Church that if used with wisdom and judgment can bring young men into



Sister Dorothy P. Holt, centre, YWMIA general presidency, met with Mary Jones, left and Susan Hezselstine, Leicester Stake.



Officials at the British Athletic Association, from left, Pres. A. Ray Curtis, Gen. Supt. G. Carlos Smith Jr. of the YMMIA; Pres. Weightman, assistant chairman; Malcolm LeSeuer, of the YMMIA Athletic Committee and Pres. Dennis Livesey new BAA president.

participation and help to build them a testimony.

Sister Holt spoke briefly of the YWMIA sports—camp programme and discussed this in depth with the women representatives of the committee Sisters Mary Jones and Susan Hazeltine, Leicester Stake.

Pres. Weightman emphasized that a registration fee of £1 per year is asked of each ward and branch, due the first of January. He said it is not too late for this to be paid since there are expenses in running the big programme.

It was announced the BAA finals will be held August 23rd and 24th at a place yet to be finalized.

Supt. Smith also explained the overall athletic programme for the benefit of new representatives from the stakes and missions.

The next BAA meeting will be held July 21st at 10.30 a.m. at Manchester, it was announced.



Pres. Derek J. Plumbley, left, past president of the BAA and Pres. Dennis Livesey, Leeds Stake, newly appointed president.

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ A few weeks ago it was reported from Middlesbrough Ward that through the prayers of two sisters, Eva Cupryna and Sarah Scoby, their third sister and her family were baptised into the Church. We would add to this, that the three sisters began to fast and pray that Mr. Cupryna would also accept the Gospel, and David John, the next door neighbour of the third sister, Jean Harburn.

All their prayers were answered on Good Friday when David John, and Hubert 'Karl' Cupryna were baptised. The sisters are now earnestly praying that their mother will join the Church. It is felt that their example of faith and devotion could be followed by every Church member.

★ With only four weeks to go to the deadline for paying off the remaining debt on their chapel, Middlesbrough Ward set to with a will. A Jumble Sale was organised and the homes of every member and their friends were sorted out to supply goods to sell. The Relief Society held a social evening at which the entertainment was provided by the children of Primary in the form of a Black and White Minstrel Show. They raised over £6, and gave a lot of pleasure to all who attended.

M.I.A. were not going to be left out, and so they organised their own social evening on 6th April, and raised a further £6. More money than was needed was brought in through these fine efforts, and so it was given towards the Ward Budget. Members are now looking forward to their Chapel being dedicated.

★ We wish Bon Voyage to Carol Kraus, late of Middlesbrough, Manchester and Worcester, as she sets out to take a

position at Thisted, Denmark as a physiotherapist.

★ On Saturday, 6th April, a Relief Society Achievement Day was held in the Sunderland Stake House. Members and their husbands were invited to attend, and the response was good, although several husbands looked as though they felt a little out of place.

The Cultural Hall was decorated with blue and yellow streamers and flowers. Tables placed around the hall, one from each ward and branch, were laden with articles made by the sisters. Items included hand painted china, cakes decorated in the form of the Bible, and a basket filled with Easter eggs, a wedding dress, fur fabric toys, puppets, paintings, rugs, quilts and knitted cardigans etc.

Afton Hardy, Stake Relief President conducted the programme for the afternoon, and after her opening remarks, most of the wards and branches presented some item of talent such as choral singing, a duet, reciting of poetry, piano playing and a humorous monologue.

The highlight of the afternoon was the Mannequin Parade, where sisters and their children, and even a few husbands, modelled clothes which the sisters had made. They ranged from items of fancy dress made from jumble sale articles, to a man's casual jacket, and from a bride's dress to pinafore dresses.

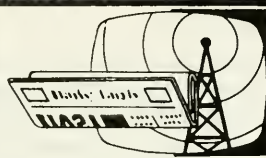
The afternoon was definitely successful.

GLASGOW STAKE

★ There was a good attendance at the Stake Music Festival in March, and the entries which were varied and interesting included:

David and Richard Foote, playing the piano and recorder.

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Sister Mortensen accompanying herself and her husband, Bishop Mortensen on the accordion as they sang a duet.

Steven Porch and his nine year old sister, Marie, piano solos.

The Clydebank Branch Primary Choir, who captured everybody's hearts as they sang, "Tell me Dear Lord".

John Thomson who played the theme music from "Zorba the Greek" on a 125 year old Dulcimer.

Margaret Scott and Marjorie Foote who sang "Wispering Hope".

Alex Bauld played the guitar and sang.

Susan and Royce Kirk, nine year old twins from Clydebank Branch, played a piano selection.

Robert Sinclair sang "My Testimony".

President A. R. Richardson played the accordion accompanied by his son Alex on the piano.

Anna Harvey and William McCredie performed a duet on the piano.

The festival was conducted by the Stake Music Committee, Catherine Richardson, Anna Harvey, Marjorie Foote and Catharine Richardson junior.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ To enable the members of the Aaronic Priesthood Adult programme to fellowship and meet to discuss pro-



A group of brethren all in good humor at one of the first divisional Aaronic Priesthood meetings in Leicester Stake.

blems and programmes unique to them, the stake committee organized two divisions within the stake, one at Nottingham and the other at Birmingham on a monthly basis.

Programmes have included films, tape recordings of Church leaders, musical items, and on one occasion, a talk by Elder James A. Cullimore, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, which was followed by a personal introduction of each member and his wife. Plans for the future include an open night and a meeting with Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Council of the Twelve.

A great feeling of fellowship and activity is exhibited by the brethren. These meetings give them an insight into many Church programmes, and helps them to prepare for advancement to the Melchizedek Priesthood. The number in attendance is growing, and great expectations for the future are held by the stake committee, who have given so much to ensure this success.

★ On Saturday 23rd March, the stake met the Central British Mission for the Zone Championships to choose representatives for the All British Athletic Championships at Manchester in September. Competition was fierce but at all times friendly and the honours were divided fairly evenly in the various sports.

★ The 1st Quorum of Elders, presided over by Leslie W. Green and the 2nd Quorum of Elders, presided over by Edgar R. Needham, combined to hold a social at Nottingham on March 30th. All elders, their wives and teenage children were invited. A pop group "The Zanies" entertained with a piper in full Highland regalia to play the Gay Gordons, and other pipe music for the older dancers. Sisters Doris Stevenson, Joan Needham, Selina Adams, June Cooper, Olive

Twiddy, Florrie Asher and Beverley Needham, baked cakes and served up a grand array of much appreciated refreshments.

★ The Relief Society in South Birmingham is growing rapidly and one Wednesday in March they enjoyed a practical beautifying-the-home lesson, which they felt worthy of being reported. They worked in small groups to lay and decorate the tables to show how plain crockery could look effective when used with coloured cloths, and how modern cups could look lovely against plain but bright tablecloths. Flower arrangements to suit various occasions also graced the tables. Joan Tennant thoughtfully prepared a snack for all taking part to satisfy any hunger that the display might have created.

★ Walsall had a Jumble Sale and an amusement outing recently. The sale raised £17 for their building fund on March 27th then in April a coach full of saints from the branch spent an enjoyable evening seeing "Hello Dolly" at the Birmingham Theatre.

★ Valerie Bowler, Hazel Brown and Ray Ferrar, adjudicators at the Stake Speech Talent Festival, were all agreed that good speakers are developed, not born, as they listened to the 36 participants on April 6th. There were tales of valour by Scouts, biblical stories by Beehive girls, scripture readings by M.I.A. maids and impromptu talks by others. The standard of all the entries was high and very encouraging for Stake Speech Director Hilda Brown, who organised the event. The 80 members who supported the Festival had the added enjoyment of hearing Barbara Smith play a piano solo, Beethoven's "Moonlight Sonata."

★ There was a farewell party in the form of a Faith Supper at Nottingham Ward on April 18th, in honour of Pat and Barrie Stevens, who are moving to Bournemouth, where Barrie has been appointed Assistant General Manager of a large department store. Everyone joined in games, organised by David Bourne and later enjoyed the wonderful refreshments. At the end of the evening Bishop Green presented them with books on behalf of the members.

★ On Easter Saturday the Stake M.I.A. held their Drama Festival at the Stake Centre. Competitors were from Nottingham Ward and Walsall Branch. Nottingham's play "Outpatients" was both serious and amusing with its discussions on life and death amongst the patients in a hospital waiting room. By contrast, Walsall's play was a thriller, "The Spider Ring" By Mabel Constandurous. Here was a honeymoon couple planning happily for the future, but the bridegroom was planning to murder his bride! Ernest Hooker, stake drama director, was the adjudicator and he awarded 75 points to Walsall and 73 to Nottingham.

LONDON STAKE

★ South London Ward M.I.A. held a very successful Music Festival recently. A small but enthusiastic audience gave a great welcome to a variety of solo numbers ranging from Eamonn Belton, one of the younger scouts with his accordion, to a member of the High Council with his trumpet. Beehive girls, the men's quartet and the New-Raven-sleas were all in good singing form, and the M.I.A. Maids and Gleaners provided song and dance for the opening and closing numbers of a very enjoyable festival. The Ward M.I.A. Music director,

Berdene Farron, organised and rehearsed it all and took part in several of the numbers. It seems that there is much musical talent in South London M.I.A. and the young performers were certainly "top of the pops" on this particular evening.

★ A total of 19 speakers took part in this year's London Stake Speech Festival at Hyde Park Chapel. Entries were in two sections—Junior (12-15 years) and Senior (16 years and above). The choice of topics was open.

The standard of speaking was very high, with every contestant rating at least Very Good or Excellent. Two speakers, James Jolliffe of St. Albans Ward (junior division) and Sheila Dawn Harrison of North London Ward, achieving a Superior rating, (senior) the highest that could be awarded.

Other participants and their ratings were:

Senior — Derek Streeter, Catford; Derek Ramsey, and Janet Parker, Epsom Branch; Bernard Crier, Croydon Branch; Ward; Brian Goldfield, North London; Geoffrey Cooper, St. Albans; Roger Stringer, South London, all very good rating.

Vaughn Jackson, Hyde Park; Joan Price, Luton; Dandre Kavanagh, Hyde Park, and Marilyn Greenwood, South London, all excellent.

Junior—Jane Patterson, South London; Cris Turner, Croydon; Dianne Dellar, North London; all very good.

Flora Lee Hemingway, Hyde Park; Stephen Martin, North London, Marion Jolliffe, St. Albans, all excellent.

Judges were High Councilman Willard Van Wagoner and Sister Wagoner, High Councilman George Mosdell and Sister Mosdell, Bishop Monitor C. Noyce of Luton Ward and Sister Noyce.

MANCHESTER STAKE

★ Excitement galore was the scene at the Manchester Stake Centre recently when police cars, vans and motor cycles converged at speed upon the building. Spotlights were swung upwards to reveal two figures upon the roof gazing somewhat mystified at the scene below. Apparently a passing motorist had glanced at the building, seen the two figures, and in a public spirited manner dialed 999. Hence the ensuing dramatic scenes.

The two figures were ordered to descend and a rather sheepish Roger Ball and David Hunter climbed down to be interrogated. Actually these two brethren were on the roof repairing and fixing electrical contraptions for a show they were performing the following evening.

Roger is a student at Manchester University reading Electrical Engineering, he hails from St. Austel, Cornwall. David is a local member and a talented musician. The Stake centre lawns were cut up a little by the mobil force, but who cares when such an excellent protection service is rendered.

★ Paul Clifford a young Priest in the Manchester South Ward has just been made a Queens Scout, he represented his district at the St. Georges Day parade at Windsor Castle. His father is the Ward Sunday School superintendent.

★ Audrey Grindley, 12, won a first prize in a leading Northern newspaper competition on road safety. Already the holder of two cycling proficiency awards, her prize was a bicycle! She is a member of the Manchester South Ward, and the daughter of the stake clerk.



Presidents from all the Manchester stake relief societies watch as sister L. Smith presents cheque to stake President Plumbley.

★ At a Leadership Meeting held last summer, the Ward and Branch Relief Societies in the Manchester Stake decided they would like to make a contribution to the Stake Building Fund. They all gave a donation from the money they made at their Sales of Work, Bazaars, etc., and recently President D. J. Plumblly was presented with a cheque for £90 by Sister L. Smith, President of the Ashton/Oldham Ward Relief Society.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ A lovely fashion show, luncheon and programme was enjoyed by 200 sisters and several priesthood brethren this spring at the Southampton Chapel. The event was hosted by the Portsmouth District Relief Society who did an outstanding work in decorating, arranging tables, preparing luncheon and making the facilities pleasant.

A huge birthday cake decorated in Relief Society colours of blue and yellow, was the centrepiece of the table. The programme was delightful and each district had special numbers to represent them. Items ranged from readings, original poetry, and musical numbers to comedy numbers.

★ The High Wycombe Branch Relief Society held an Anniversary Luncheon at the home of Gwen Cannon. Articles for a prospective bazaar were displayed, and Gillian Brown-Lee read an original poem describing the history of Relief Society and its importance in the lives of Latter-day Saint women. Mardine Stevenson and Dorothy Rickers provided musical numbers. District Relief Society President Madeline Brighty, and her counsellor Ann Hartle were also present.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ The main event for the Beverley Branch in March was the Mayor's Variety Concert, held at the Beverley Chapel. A few months ago the Mayor visited the M.I.A. and asked for help in raising money towards his Charity Fund. After his visit Geoffrey Dunning began organising a Variety Show which took place on 21st/22nd March. Many people were invited and given free tickets on the first evening, they really enjoyed it. The show went with a swing and many thanks go to those who took part:

Fred Garrett—Tenor, Tom Novis—Baritone, Brian Petch—Magician, Jack Spurr—Comedian, The June Lewis Ballet School, The Beverley Children's Scottish Dancing Group, The Two Tones, Miss Burlington Bertie, Elaine Thompson & Mike—Comedy, The Girls Venture

Corp Dancers, Ian Swanney—Accordion and Geoffrey Dunning as M.C.

A profit of £14 was made and this was presented to the Mayor on behalf of the Church. Not only did the show do good by raising the money, but many, in fact the majority of the audience were non-members, and this has helped to break down some of the barriers that existed against the Church in Beverley. People are now opening their doors to the missionaries.

★ We regret to announce that the Bridlington Branch was closed down on March 17th, for some time the branch meetings had taken place in Brother Tindle's home, with auxiliaries in other members homes. They are now attached to Scarborough, but will still hold home meetings in Bridlington. Anyone holidaying there can contact the Tindles at 26 Harewood Avenue, Bridlington, or the Staniforths at 42 Roseberry Avenue. They will receive a warm welcome.

★ More than a hundred people attended the Liverpool District Music Festival which was held on March 16th in the Liverpool Chapel. The judges were Miss Betty Wilcox and Mrs. Peggy Barnes, both eminent members of the Liverpool Philharmonic Choir. The theme of the Contest was "Wales", and the Southport entry was notable for the beautifully made and lifelike animal heads, which had been designed and made by Frances Meath.

Warrington Branch retold the story of Bedd Gelert with original words and music, and Liverpool branch took the audience to a splendid Welsh castle, complete with tourists, armoury and a horrific Red Dragon. Wirral and Crosby Branches competed for the first time and made a very good showing. The

winners were: Liverpool first, Warrington second, and Southport third, the winners received the Festival Cup and the runners-up chocolates.

★ The Arts and Crafts and Speech Festival held at Liverpool on April 6th was an outstanding success. The entries in the Art & Craft section were astonishing in their variety and all were of the highest standard.

President Wesley Roberts, of the North Wales District had the unenviable task of judging the entries, and without hesitation awarded the first prize to Barry Gabbott, who is currently lecturing at the Southport School of Arts and Crafts, for an unusual pair of curtains that he had designed and printed himself.

Brother Gabbott received a book prize, and the runners-up received certificates, they included: Frances Meath, Southport. Pottery. Nancy Meath, Southport, knitting; Brother Gill, Leigh, embroidery; Phyllis Gibson, Liverpool, floral arrangement; Sister Coombs, Warrington, art study, and William Hearst, Southport, photography.

The Speech Festival held on the same day was judged by Brother and Sister Hill of the Liverpool Branch, and the winners were:

Beehive, Helen Coombs, Widnes Branch; Vanguard, Peter Perry, Southport Branch; Ensign, Derek Hoar, Liverpool Branch; Laurel, Yvonne Nugent, Liverpool Branch; Gleaner, Valerie Fraser, L'pool Branch; M Men, Frank Hitchmough, Liverpool Branch; Mutual Study, John Hender, Wirral Branch.

Valerie Fraser of Liverpool was voted to best speaker and was awarded the Festival Cup.

★ Word from St. George, Utah, of interest to older members of the Church in the Liverpool area informs us that Clifford C. Harley, a former president of the Preston and Wigan branches in the older Liverpool District, has just conducted the first Genealogical class to be held in the St. George Institute at Dixie College. He says he and Sister Mary C. Hartley would like to hear from any of the members of the Morecambe and Lancaster Branches. His address is 294 East Monterey Drive, St. George, Utah 84770, U.S.A.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ Gregory Harris of Helston Branch, Cornwall does it again, in his third appearance in the ring he beat Alan King of Devonport on points thus making it three winning fights.

★ On February 24th the District Drama Festival was held at Weston-super-Mare and a large audience enjoyed watching three one-act plays. Street, Weston and Yeovil Branches competed and Street and Weston were both judged excellent. The standard of all three plays was very high and the three branches were complimented by the Mission Board members who took part in the judging.

★ Yeovil Vanguards and Ensigns beat a team from Weston at soccer on March 2nd. The game was played on the Weston sands. Both teams had the assistance of adult members to help swell the numbers. Referee, was District President Norman T. Woodhead, Yeovil proved the better side.

The following week the District Y.W.M.I.A. held an all-day campcrafter meeting at Weston with various tests for the young ladies to pass. Sisters Enid Fulfit and Sylvia Gwilliam were in



Beverly Girls Venture Corp. performed the opening and closing routines at the "Mayor's Charity Concert" in North British Mission.

charge of the programme and Mission Board members judged the results.

★ "Tall Tales" was the theme for the District speech contest held at Street on April 6th. Some of the stories certainly were tall and they ranged from camping on a traffic round-about to dare-devil antics in a spitfire. In fact "truth" was distorted beyond one's wildest imaginings.

★ On the District Primary front in Somerset, a "Primary Children's Sing" was held at Weston on March 23th. A very high standard was reached with some of the children and Yeovil Branch Primary were the winners with their version of "The Sound of Music". Street Branch were a close second with Hanzel

and Gretel from Hans Anderson's Fairy Tales. Weston Branch portrayed Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

BRITISH MISSION

★ To celebrate the Relief Society Anniversary, the Lowestoft sisters invited the Branch Presidency to a chicken dinner on March 20th. Also during the evening, prizes were presented for the best grown hyacinths, which were used for Church decoration during the spring.

A Silver Can night was organised by the Branch on April 8th, to raise funds for their budget. Each member had previously been given a can painted silver, to collect odd silver in. When the cans were opened it was found that they had raised £19 7s. 10d., a really grand

effort. There were games and dancing during the evening, and the Relief Society had prepared a running buffet. Michael Miles, accompanied by his wife at the piano, sang two songs. During the latter part of the evening, farewell gifts of Parker Pens, each engraved with their names, were presented to the Coleby family, who are leaving for Salt Lake City. Branch President Leonard Bell, and three other members who had served with brother Coleby during his four years as Branch President gave appreciation for the hard work that the family had given to the branch.

IRISH MISSION

★ On the 29th March, the Belfast District M.I.A. held a Gold and Green Ball at the Hollywood Road. "The Newmen" group provided the music.

The room was decorated with tall, imitation palm trees and the group were backed by an island while in a corner a life-like swan rested on a silver sea all of her own. The ceiling was hung with gigantic butterflies and large cane cages on which brightly coloured parrots perched. The room was lit by three gold and green spotlights.

All the ladies wore bright paper garlands which they had received when entering.

After a few songs from the group, there was a short intermission.

Sister Kitchen and Sister Morrow worked hard in the kitchen selling minerals and crisps, and looking after every-one's appetite.

At half ten Jean Guy and Diane Cambell demonstrated the cha-cha, and then Mission President and Sister Theron Ashcroft performed a few dances that their grandparents used to do. Then Michael Shields took over the micro-

phone with his guitar and voice, and later Valerie Hill accompanied him.

Several spot dances were held. The men received cuff-links and the girls propelling pencils, as prizes. The group also played for several birthday and wedding anniversaries.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ At a recent "Open Activity Night" at Stourbridge, 8 members and one investigator enjoyed themselves climbing ropes and playing leapfrog before settling down to the more serious business of the evening, which was basketball. The ladies had challenged the men, and although they played a good game, they were defeated by a few points, so it would seem that beauty is not a great asset against brawn. Later on Brother Yeomans, an experienced badminton player gave a few short lessons to June Hale, Margaret Prosser and Janet Eden, and to end the evening Brother Hathaway an ex-football player revealed his skill and tactics at scoring goals.

On 13th April the M.I.A. met at 2 p.m. for a hike to Kinver. Twelve miles away at Kinver a stone had been inscribed with the words LDS and Mormon, and although some of the hikers suffered slightly from bruised feet, the journey was one to be remembered.

They returned to Stourbridge by public transport, the excuse being that it was Elder Moulton's birthday and a party had been arranged for him. The sisters had provided a wide variety of food, which disappeared even faster than usual after a day spent in the fresh air. Fun and games and entertainment concluded a very enjoyable day.

At a Fireside in April, Elder Thomp-

son showed a film about Family Home Evenings, which was greatly appreciated by those present. During the evening Margaret Prosser, who was leaving the branch to continue her nursing career in the Women's Royal Army, was presented with a "Book of Mormon," and "Gospel Principles" inscribed with the names of all the members.

★ Just recently Redditch Relief Society had a well earned evening out, with their families to see the film "Half a Sixpence". They found it very entertaining and had a wonderful time.

On Sunday March 17th they celebrated the Anniversary of Relief Society combined with a fireside evening. The meeting was held at the home of one of the sisters, and after harmonizing in several songs, two talks were given on different aspects of Relief Society.

There was also a very interesting film shown, and then refreshments were served, this consisted of a wonderful assortment of home-made cakes, pastries and open sandwiches all provided by the Relief Society.

★ On March 30th, two Kidderminster elders were given a surprise party by the Relief Society sisters to celebrate their 21st birthdays. When Elder Boyack and Elder Best arrived at the chapel they found 16 saints waiting to welcome them and two tables laden with fancy cakes, jellies, biscuits and a birthday cake. Needless to say a good time was had by all.

★ On Easter Monday the Peterborough members had a wonderful get together, they did what many other people do on Easter Monday and that is walk. Their walk wasn't in support of "ban the bomb" or anything aggressive like that,

it was strictly a social function. They all met at the chapel at 2 p.m. with instructions to bring enough food for themselves for a pot luck picnic.

Those with transport took the others to a spot just out of town where they had decided to begin the walk and left them there, then the motorists transported those who did not wish to walk to a lovely spot about six and a half miles away, called Barnack Hills and Hollows. This is where the stone was quarried to build the Peterborough Cathedral. After the cars had been parked at a convenient spot, one brother on patrol duty transported all the other drivers back to join the walkers. The weather was ideal and when a count was taken it was found that there were 38 walkers and 21 others, this was a wonderful effort to bring unity to the branch.

Cecil Guscott had his van parked halfway serving orange and lemon drinks—walking is thirsty work. And the patrols picked up those who fell by the wayside! The early arrivals played games around the hills while waiting for the others to arrive then when all were gathered in they had a wonderful picnic. There were three different varieties of salads, hard boiled eggs, lots of sandwiches, cakes, tins of fruit and ice cream. After a few more games they all made tracks for home the tough ones walking back again.

★ Primary teachers of the Stafford Branch, took their young pupils for a day out at Dudley Zoo on 17th April. The weather was fine and a packed lunch was provided by the teachers. Some 16 children and 7 adults enjoyed the day. A minibus was hired for the occasion, driven by Pres. K. Chessemann.

No-one was eaten by the lions and everyone returned safely and happily extending thanks to teachers who looked after the children so well.

BIRTHS

★ Feb. 1st—To John and Margueritea Davies, Cork Branch Irish Mission, a son, Lloyd Ashley.

★ Feb. 21st—To Philip and Doreen Nash, Crawley Branch, a son David Anthony Nash.

★ March 9th—To Allan and Dorothy Fellows of Warrington Branch, North British Mission, a son, Michael Russell.

★ March 23rd—To Alex and Frances Stewart, Billingham Ward, Sunderland Stake, a daughter Ruth Alison.

★ March 31st—To Boris and Jane Roberts, Warrington Branch, North British Mission, a daughter, Amanda Lee.

★ April 3rd—To George and Winifred Ward of Nottingham Ward, Leicester Stake, a daughter, Maria.

★ April 25th—To Neil and Wendy McEwan, Huddersfield Ward, Leeds Stake, a son, Boyd.

ENGAGEMENT

★ Christine Stone of East Hull and Ian Taylor of Rochdale. They first met four years ago while Ian was serving on a Church Building Mission. He now lives in Hull and is the East Hull Branch clerk.

★ On Saturday, 9th March, the engagement was announced between Bro. Roy Freeman of Stafford and Sister Beryl Key from Newcastle. The couple became engaged just before taking part in a temple session.

Bro. Freeman who lives at Haughton has been a member of the Church eight years and has served the Stafford Branch in many positions. At present he is branch clerk. Sister Key has been a member two years and is the YWMIA president at Newcastle. They plan to marry soon. Both Stafford and Newcastle extend sincere congratulations and wish them every happiness.

MARRIAGES

★ On Jan. 20th, Valerie Whitehead of East Hull was married to David Stone at the East Hull Chapel. The service was conducted by President Stone.

★ A second wedding took place at the East Hull Chapel on March 23rd, when Patricia O'Neill married James Simpson, who is a member of the West Hull Branch. It was a grand occasion with the use of an organ, played by Peter Goodman, the City Hall organist.

★ Eddie Bentley and Jacqueline Bobby were married at the West Hull Chapel on March 2nd, then on March 30th, Jacqueline's brother Christopher married Patricia Layton at York.

★ Joan Bray and Alan Oliver were married at Helston on March 23rd. The little church was crowded and over sixty people attended the reception afterwards.



★ Kathleen Young and Derek Sillett after their wedding at the Norwich Chapel. The bride wore a full length dress of nylon net and chiffon and swiss guipure lace and carried a bouquet of orchids and white freesias. She was attended by Pat Whittaker, Doreen Mason, Cherry Ward, Susan Sillett and Christine Road, the best man was Michael Sillett.

★ The marriage between Brian John Peadle and Betty Paul, both of the Coventry Ward, took place at the new Coventry Chapel on Friday, 22nd March. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Axccl, and John Joseph, President of the Nuneaton Branch was best man. The bride who was given away by her brother F. H. Paul, wore a dress of heavy white satin and a coat of white

figured cotton and carried a bouquet of golden rosebuds and white freesias. Lesley Paul, her niece acted as bridesmaid. After the ceremony, a reception was held in the Cultural Hall, and then the couple left for the Temple.

★ It was a fair cop, when Allan Webster married Pauline Turner at the Norwich Chapel on March 2nd. Allan baptised Pauline into the Church after meeting her as a fellow constable in the Norfolk Police Force. She has now resigned from the force considering one policeman in the family enough.



Allan Webster and Pauline Turner.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

★ Do you need more time to prepare a Sunday School lesson, work in your garden or to read a favourite book? Try some of these household hints by Karen Bateman of Hyde Park Ward, London Stake. They are interesting and useful time savers.

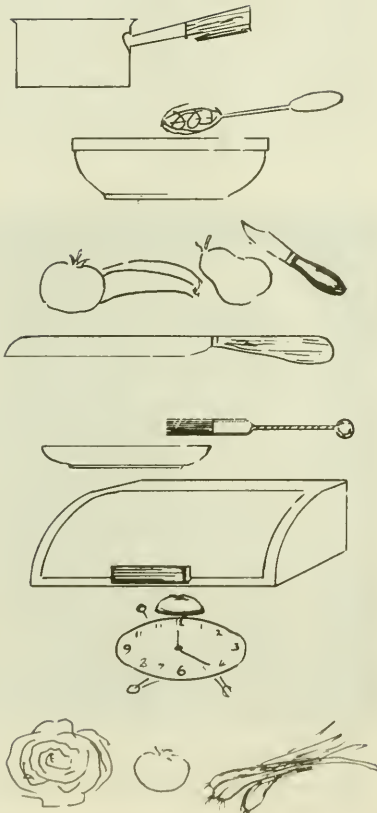
Karen was one of the Millennial Star Short Story Contest winners. Her story was published in the March Millennial Star. She is the wife of Neldon Bateman of the Hyde Park Ward Bishopric and the mother of four young children. She is an active Church worker, busy mother and a fine creative writer.

COOKING HINTS

1. If you will rub a little fat around the top of the pan when you are cooking rice, spaghetti or macaroni, It will keep the pan from boiling over.
2. When fixing egg whites for meringue or icing, add 1 tablespoon of water to every egg white before beating. It will double your yeild.
3. When preparing fruit for fruit salad, cut apples, bananas, peaches or pears and dip them in orange or lemon juice to keep them from turning dark.
4. When cutting a fresh cake, use a wet knife.
5. Brush the undercrust of fruit pies with the white of egg before adding fruit. It will prevent the crust from becoming soggy.
6. If brown sugar is stored in the bread box, the bread will keep moist and fresh longer and the sugar will be free from lumps.

TIPS ON MEAL PLANNING

1. Meals should be planned several days at a time, or even a week. You will avoid monotony and duplication as well as save time and money.
2. Keep seasons in mind and make the best use of foods at their best. Remember the eye eats first! As you



Women's Section

plan, think how the meal will look as well as taste.

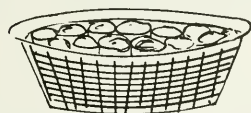
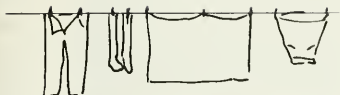
3. Be sure to have contrast in colour, in texture and flavours.
4. Do not repeat the same flavour or food in one meal.
5. Plan desserts that are really part of the meal, and a light dessert if the meal has been heavy.
6. Make the best use of your oven's capacity by planning oven dinners.
7. Let the family vote on new foods tried.

LAUNDRY HINTS

1. If you scorch woollens, you can remove it by rubbing rolled oats carefully over the spot.
2. In the winter, if you add a handful of salt to the rinse water, it will keep your clothes from freezing as you hang them out.
3. Fold pillow slips together in pairs when you iron them. You won't have to search for matching ones when changing your bed linen.
4. When you sprinkle clothes to iron, stand the rolls on end in the laundry basket. You can then see the different colours and fabrics and find any particular article without digging down to the bottom.
5. You can remove ink stains on fabrics if you soak the article in milk until the stain disappears.

GENERAL HOUSEHOLD TIPS

1. If you will hold a nail under very hot water or put it in hot wax before driving it into a wall, it will prevent the plaster from cracking.
2. To keep pictures from slipping or hanging unevenly, hang them first facing the wall. Turn them over, crossing the wires and they will not slip.
3. You can make a wire hanger twice as strong by binding two together with adhesive and cover them with ribbon.



Elisabeth Cheetham

Member 60 Years

★ Elisabeth Cheetham has been a member of the Church for sixty years. She is not only the oldest member in Lincoln, but is one of the most faithful. She celebrated her ninety-third birthday anniversary this year.

Sister Cheetham was born in London in 1875. The family moved to Lincoln while she was a young child because of her mother's ill health. It was in Lincoln that she attended St. Botolphs School and nurtured a desire to teach. When she was thirteen, she did teach, but when her father died, of necessity she abandoned her wish and went into domestic service to earn a living.

She was married to John William Cheetham when she was twenty-five in 1906 and after five years they had one son. During this time they lived with Sister Cheetham's mother who was ill and needed constant care.

The Elders called at their home in Lincoln and taught them the Gospel. Elisabeth and her mother joined the Church. She well remembers a little book that the missionaries gave to her entitled "Cowdry's Talks on Doctrine." She read this along with the standard works and gained a testimony. She was baptised December 12, 1908 by Elders A. J. Gilbert and D. K. Hendry. Sister Cheetham recalls that when they joined the Church there was only one other member in Lincoln. The branch grew temporarily but then people moved away or lost interest. For many years there was no branch and no missionaries proselyting in Lincoln. During this time Sister Cheetham lived the Gospel, paid her tithing and travelled to Nottingham with her son to attend conferences.



Elisabeth Cheetham, member 60 years.

Later the missionaries returned to Lincoln but again were withdrawn because of poor response. In 1959 the missionaries again went to Lincoln. Many people were baptised and there is now a flourishing branch.

Sister Cheetham cared for her invalid mother for ten and a half years until her death. Her husband was ill also and was confined to a wheelchair for thirty years. His faithful wife, Elisabeth, cared for him during this long period.

Although Mr. Cheetham never joined the Church, he was kind to the missionaries. Sister Cheetham is convinced that he would have joined had he been able to do so. He passed away sixteen years ago and an Elder who served in Lincoln did his temple work for him.

A highlight in Sister Cheetham's life was when she went to the London Temple for her own endowments. She was accompanied by President and Sister Kenneth Poole of Leicester Stake.

Sister Cheetham's testimony is strong. She regrets that she cannot attend Church services regularly, but still reads Church literature avidly. She is an inspiration to talk to and has been an influence for good all of her life.



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Statistical Record

★ The First Presidency issued the following statistical report concerning the membership of the Church at the end of the year 1967

Number of stakes of Zion at close of 1967	448
Number of wards	3,544
Number of independent branches in stakes	622
Total wards and independent branches in stakes at close of year	4,166
Number of mission branches at close of year	1,987
Number of full-time missions at end of year	79
Church membership, December 31st, 1967:	
In the stakes	2,144,766
In the missions	469,574
Total membership	2,614,340

Church growth during 1967:

Children blessed in stakes and missions	56,387
Children of record baptized in stakes and missions	53,591
Converts baptized in stakes and missions	62,280

Social statistics (based on 1967 data from the stakes):

Birth rate per thousand	27.55
Number of persons married per thousand	16.11
Deathrate per thousand	5.05

Priesthood:

Members holding the Aaronic Priesthood, December 31, 1967:

Deacons	118,149
Teacher	83,583
Priests	121,842
Total number holding Aaronic Priesthood	323,574

Members holding the Melchizedek Priesthood, December 31, 1967:

Elders	216,354
Seventies	22,962
High Priests	72,150
Total number holding Melchizedek Priesthood	310,466

Shows Growth

Grand total, members holding Aaronic or Melchizedek Priesthood 634,040
An increase of 36,360 during the year.

Auxiliary organizations:

Relief Society (membership)	298,825
Deseret Sunday School Union (average attendance)	777,354
Young Men's Mutual Improvement Assn. (enrollment)	313,956
Young Women's Mutual Improvement Assn. (enrollment)	326,795
Primary (children enrolled)	473,480

Welfare Plan:

Number of persons assisted during the year	112,055
Number placed in remunerative employment	6,809
Man-days of work donated to the Welfare Plan	130,966
Unit-days of equipment use donated	7,300

Genealogical Society:

Names cleared in 1967 for temple ordinance 1,986,335

Genealogical records microfilmed in 16 countries during the year brought the total of 699,587 one hundred foot rolls of microfilm for use of the Church which are the equivalent of over 3,000,000 printed volumes of 300 pages each.

Temples:

Number of ordinances performed during 1967 in the 13 operating temples:

For the living	54,826
For the dead	4,510,940
Total number of ordinances	4,565,766

Church School System:

Total 1967 culative enrollments in Church schools including institutes and seminaries 186,323

Schedule Of Services In Holiday Areas of Great Britain

★ Helston Branch, 3 Jubilee Terrace,
Helston, Cornwall.

SUNDAY

9.15 a.m. — Priesthood

10.15 a.m. — Sunday School

6 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

TUESDAY

6 p.m. — Primary

7.30 p.m. — M.I.A.

7.30 p.m. — Relief Society

(Hall located one door up from the
Angel Hotel)

★ Commencing June 2nd Harlech
Branch Sunday School will be held at
the Memorial Hall, Harlech at 11 a.m.
All visitors will be warmly welcomed,
says Albert C. Austin, presiding elder.
The hall is near Harlech Castle, a short
distance down the street on the left.
Rambles through local countryside can
be arranged if desired.

Pres. Austin says that during the holi-
day period many Latter-day Saints visit
the area.

★ Southampton Branch, Portsmouth
District, Chetwynd Road, Basset, South-
ampton.

SUNDAY (First Sunday of Month)

11 a.m. — Priesthood

4 p.m. — Fast and Testimony Meeting

SUNDAY

11 a.m. — Priesthood

2 p.m. — Sunday School

4 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

MONDAY

7.30 p.m. — Relief Society

THURSDAY

5 p.m. — Primary

FRIDAY

7.30 p.m. — M.I.A.

★ Holiday schedule for the Lowestoft
Branch, 165 Yarmouth Road, Lowestoft,
Suffolk: The chapel is situated on the
A12 Lowestoft-Yarmouth Main Road:

SUNDAY

9 a.m. — Priesthood

11 a.m. — Sunday School

6.30 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

12.30 p.m. — Fast and Testimony Meet-
ing (First Sunday of Month)

MONDAY

7.30 p.m. — Athletics Evening — 12
years and over

TUESDAY

7.30 p.m. — M.I.A.

WEDNESDAY

7.30 p.m. — Relief Society

THURSDAY

5.30 p.m. — Primary

Sister Joyce Mann, Relief Society
president, would be pleased to hear
from any Latter-day Saints requiring

★ Torquay Branch, Southwest British
Mission and Brixham District, Park-
mount, Meadfoot Road, Torquay.

SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. — Priesthood

11.15 a.m. — Sunday School

6 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

holiday accommodation in the Lowestoft area. Bed, breakfast and evening meal. Further information from her at 90 Denmark Road, Lowestoft, Suffolk, reports Ew. R. Hook, branch clerk, "Star reporter".

★ Schedule of meetings of the Hereford Branch, Midlands West District, Central British Mission.

Place of meeting: Co-operative Hall, St. Martins Street, Hereford.

SUNDAY

11 a.m. — Priesthood

3 p.m. — Sunday School

4.45 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting

1 p.m. — Sacrament Meeting (Fast Day)

TUESDAY

2.30 p.m. — Relief Society

4.15 p.m. — Primary

THURSDAY

7.30 p.m. — M.I.A.

PRES. TANNER

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President Tanner said no one of the four persons whose shattered lives he told about, had even dreamed that taking the first drink or drug could fasten to themselves a habit they could not shake off and that would ruin them.

"I am convinced that our youth do not want to be bad. They do not set out to be alcoholics, nor to be drug addicts, nor to suffer and die with cancer of the lungs or some other pulmonary disease."

However, the advertisements, President Tanner said, never show the man or woman with a hangover, the crumpled cars, mangled bodies, the man in the gutter or the person in a hospital being fed with a tube in the nose because cancer has destroyed his throat.

Special

Bishop Moore Relates Trip To Conference

By Bishop William H. E. Moore,
Doncaster Ward, Leeds Stake

★ I have been asked to write an article concerning my recent visit to Salt Lake City to attend the general conference. How can you speak about something for which ordinary words are inadequate and yet I must try to convey to you, through the medium of what language I can command, the completely spiritual experience which has just been mine.

I was met at Salt Lake City airport by Bishop and Sister J. R. Moore (no relation), with whom I was to stay and who have recently been on a mission to Doncaster. This was a major part of the thrill and inspiration of this visit, to meet old friends and to make many new ones. I stayed with the missionary who brought the Gospel to me and baptised me ten years ago. How wonderful to find he hadn't changed a bit, after a few minutes it was as though it was only yesterday that we had parted.

For the conference session in the Tabernacle I arrived about twenty minutes beforehand, to find I was at the side, behind a pillar, thereafter, although in a reserved area I was in place at



Bishop William Moore

least 1½ hours before the session started. This time was far from wasted however, because it was then that the Bishops attending conference really got together and what wonderful discussions I had with several men from far and wide. Problems and solutions were discussed, inspirational experiences were exchanged. We felt so strongly and enjoyed so much the spirit of the Gospel emanating from each.

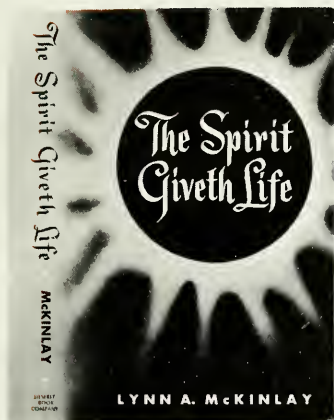
Concerning conference itself how can I tell you about it all? . . . the amazing Tabernacle, quite unbelievably the same now as when the pioneers built it in those arduous early days, with the Tabernacle Choir banked beneath the great organ and all the General Authorities seated in their respec-

tive places beneath them . . . the whole building packed and overflowing with stake presidents, bishops, and special guests. My heart was very full and overflowing when the realisation of where I was and what was happening came to me from time to time.

I am quite convinced that this conference was truly inspired of the Lord as speaker after speaker gave really wonderful talks, so pointed and piercing for the world today. I definitely felt that the Lord had a message and a word to say to the peoples of the world today and that He was using His ordained Apostles and Priesthood to do it, and indeed who better!

I think If I were to pinpoint one thing about this conference it would be President David O. McKay's opening message, read by his son while he sat beside him, watching all the time. All my period in the Church I have hung upon the words of the Apostles and especially their testimonies of Jesus Christ, and God, regarding which they have a special witness, of course. But here was the actual Prophet of The Lord himself giving us his testimony and witness, what more could I ask? I felt, as I listened to his words . . . "Brethern and Sisters, I have cherished from childhood the truth that God is a personal Being, and is, indeed our Father . . . my testimony of the Risen Lord is just as real as Thomas' . . . I know that He lives . . . I know because I have heard His voice, and I have received His guidance in matters pertaining to His Kingdom here on earth."





The Spirit Giveth Life

By Lynn A. McKinlay

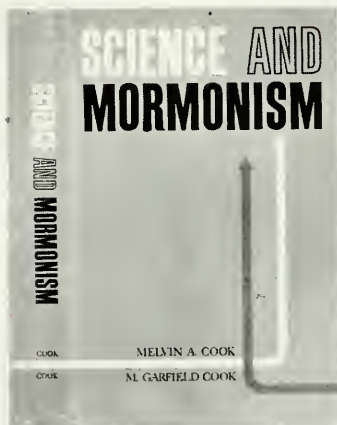
The Spirit Giveth Life will prove provocative, stimulating reading which will enlarge the reader's horizons and assist him in his understanding and application of the gospel message.

Science and Mormonism

By Melvin A. Cook
and

M. Garfield Cook

This book offers a definite point of view—one which may be disputed by some—but it nonetheless offers the author's best efforts to provide a witness and testimony that true religion and true science are not in conflict, but rather are in harmony.



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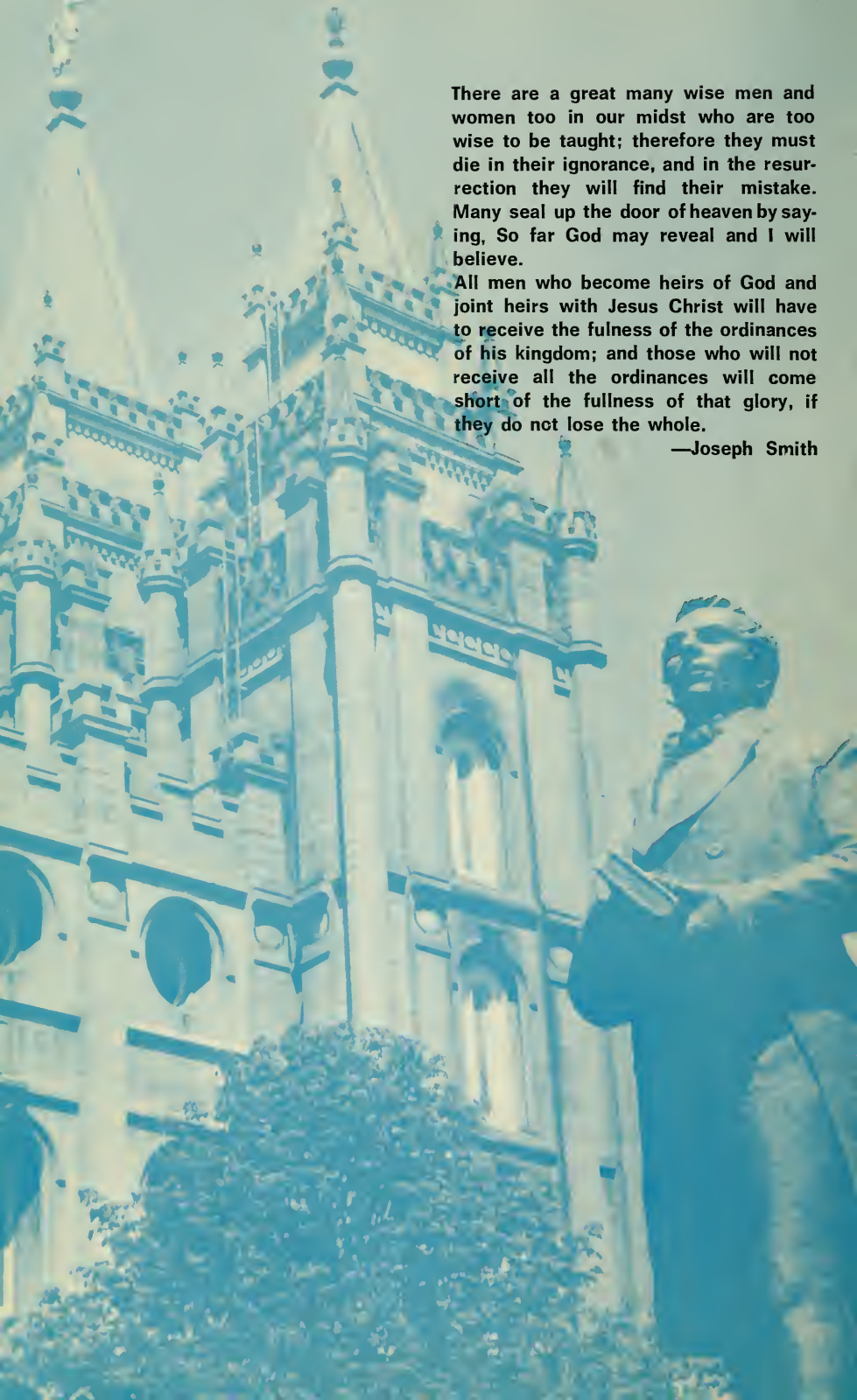
JUNE

- 1—Br. South, N. British
- 8—British, Cen, Brit., Glasgow
- 15—Leicester, Manchester
- 22—London, Leeds, Scotland
- 29—Sunderland, S.W.B.

JULY

- 6—Br. South, N. British
- 13—British, London
- 20—Leicester, Br. South
- 27—London, Leeds, Glasgow



The background of the page is a photograph of the Salt Lake Temple, a large, ornate building with many spires and arches. In the foreground, on the right side, is a statue of Joseph Smith, a man with a beard wearing a suit and holding a book. The statue is set against a light-colored wall.

There are a great many wise men and women too in our midst who are too wise to be taught; therefore they must die in their ignorance, and in the resurrection they will find their mistake. Many seal up the door of heaven by saying, So far God may reveal and I will believe.

All men who become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ will have to receive the fulness of the ordinances of his kingdom; and those who will not receive all the ordinances will come short of the fullness of that glory, if they do not lose the whole.

—Joseph Smith